



NORMAN E. CARRUTHERS,
Grand Master, 1925.

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OF THE
M.W. GRAND LODGE
OF
ALBERTA

ANCIENT, FREE *and*
ACCEPTED MASONS

VOLUME III.---PART 2
1926

M.W. Bro. T. F. ENGLISH	-	-	<i>Grand Master</i>
M.W. Bro. S. Y. TAYLOR	-	-	<i>Grand Secretary</i>

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Grand Lodge

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION

The M.W. the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M., assembled at the town of Pincher Creek, in the Province of Alberta, on June 24th, A.D. 1925, A.L. 5925, at 4.15 o'clock p.m.

PRESENT

M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor	as Grand Master
R.W. Bro. Donald Thomson	as Deputy Grand Master
R.W. Bro. George Cruickshank	Senior Grand Warden
R.W. Bro. J. S. Lambert	as Junior Grand Warden
R.W. Bro. Chas. Ouimette	as Grand Treasurer
V.W. Bro. T. P. Newman	as Grand Secretary
R.W. Bro. W. J. Merrick	Grand Chaplain
R.W. Bro. George Lomas	as Senior Grand Deacon
R.W. Bro. D. L. Murison	as Junior Grand Deacon
R.W. Bro. A. M. Densmore	as Grand Director of Ceremonies
R.W. Bro. John J. Gillespie	as Grand Steward
R.W. Bro. J. E. Rannard	as Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. Wilbor Heslop	Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. W. H. Chappell	Grand Steward
W. Bro. George Kerr	as Grand Pursuivant
R.W. Bro. A. R. Dempster	as Grand Tyler

and a large number of brethren from Lethbridge, Macleod, Coleman, Blairmore, Hillcrest and other points.

The Grand Lodge was opened in Due Form at 4.15 o'clock p.m. by M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, acting Grand Master, who announced that this special communication of Grand Lodge had been called to assist him in laying the corner-stone of the United Church at Pincher Creek.

The brethren acting as Grand Lodge officers having received the necessary directions, Grand Lodge was called off and a procession was formed, under the acting Grand Director of Ceremonies, and marched to the site in the prescribed order taking their proper positions at the North East corner of the building.

The Grand Chaplain invoked the Divine Blessing and the acting Grand Secretary read the following Scroll and deposited it in the cavity of the stone:

IN THE NAME AND BY THE FAVOR OF THE GREAT ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE

On the 24th day of June, A.D. 1925, A.L. 5925, the sixteenth year of the reign of our Gracious Sovereign

GEORGE THE FIFTH,

By the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and
Ireland, and of the British Dominions Beyond the Seas,
KING, Defender of the Faith,
EMPEROR OF INDIA.

His Excellency, Lord Byng, of Vimy, being Governor-General of the
Dominion of Canada.

His Honor, R. G. Brett, being Lieutenant-Governor of the Province
of Alberta.

The Honorable William Lyon Mackenzie King, C.M.G., being Premier
of the Dominion of Canada.

The Honorable Herbert Greenfield, being Premier of the Province of
Alberta.

His Worship Harvey Bossenberry, being Mayor of the Town of
Pincher Creek.

Geo. C. Pidgeon, D.D., being Moderator of the General Assembly of
the United Church of Canada.

John H. Garden, B.A., being pastor of the United Church in Pincher
Creek.

M.W. Bro. Norman E. Carruthers, being Grand Master of the Grand
Lodge of Alberta, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons.

R.W. Bro. T. Frederick English, being Deputy Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons.

R.W. Bro. Arthur M. Densmore, being District Deputy Grand Master
of the Eighth Masonic District.

THIS CORNER STONE

of the

UNITED CHURCH

was laid by M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, Past Grand Master, assisted by the
Grand Officers, and in the presence of a large concourse of brethren and
of citizens of Pincher Creek.

The acting Grand Treasurer deposited the vial containing coins of the
Realm in the cavity of the stone.

The acting Deputy Grand Master, the Senior Grand Warden, and the
acting Junior Grand Warden applied the instruments of their respective
offices to the stone after it had been placed in position, and announced
that the Craft had done their duty.

The acting Grand Master then consecrated the stone with corn, wine
and oil and pronounced it well made, truly laid, well proved, true and
trusty.

An appropriate address outlining the relation which Masonry bears
to religion, was delivered by the acting Grand Master, followed by brief
historical and congratulatory addresses by the Mayor of the town, Prin-
cipal of the Schools, Pastor of the Church, and others.

The procession was re-formed and the brethren returned to the lodge room, where Grand Lodge was closed in Due Form.



S. Y. Taylor.

Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

The Twenty-First Annual Communication of the M.W. Grand Lodge of Alberta, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, was opened in the Masonic Hall, in the Town of Banff, Province of Alberta, on Wednesday, June 9, A.D. 1926, A.L. 5926, at the hour of 10 o'clock a.m.

PRESENT

GRAND OFFICERS

M.W. Bro. Norman E. Carruthers (10), Lacombe	Grand Master
R.W. Bro. T. Fred. English (23), Calgary	Deputy Grand Master
R.W. Bro. Louis S. Crosby (5), Banff	D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. Geo. Lomas (64), Bow Island	D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. F. J. Folinsbee (51), Edmonton	D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. Geo. E. Bowker (18), Ponoka	D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. Claude H. Robinson (37), Camrose	D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. John F. Casteel (19), High River	D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. John E. Rannard (39), Lethbridge	D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. Arthur M. Densmore (47), Lundbreck	D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. F. J. S. Sissons (121), Clive	D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. Arthur F. McKibbin (49), Carmangay	D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. Melvin M. Downey (77), Edmonton	D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. Thomas A. Norris (89), Peace River	D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. Wm. T. Cochran (123), Rockyford	D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. J. Douglas Murdoch (76), Bashaw	D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. Geo. E. Cruickshank (26), Hillcrest....	Senior Grand Warden
R.W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell (77), Edmonton	Junior Grand Warden
R.W. Bro. Thos. Sharpe (23), Calgary	Grand Treasurer
M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor (28), Calgary	Grand Secretary
R.W. Bro. W. F. W. Carstairs (11), Edmonton	Grand Registrar
V.W. Bro. Geo. F. Beart (63), Edmonton	Senior Grand Deacon
V.W. Bro. Thomas M. Allen (9), Calgary	Grand Director of Ceremonies
V.W. Bro. W. H. Jackson (8), Innisfail	Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. Geo. D. Wallace (15), Wetaskiwin	Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. W. H. Chappell (86), Blairmore	Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. Geo. A. Stewart (24), Vermilion	Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. Wm. Harte (113), Three Hills	Grand Pursuivant
R.W. Bro. P. Fielding (38), Mulga	Grand Tyler

PAST GRAND MASTERS

M.W. Bro. Thos. McNabb (4), Turin	Past Grand Master
M.W. Bro. Sam J. Blair (9), Calgary	Past Grand Master
M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor (28), Calgary	Past Grand Master
M.W. Bro. W. J. Botterill (29), Red Deer	Past Grand Master
M.W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis (6), Pincher Creek....	Past Grand Master
M.W. Bro. Frederick S. Selwood (28), Calgary	Past Grand Master

GRAND LODGE REPRESENTATIVES

British Columbia....	M.W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis.....	Calgary
Canada	M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor.....	Calgary
California	M.W. Bro. N. E. Carruthers.....	Lacombe
Idaho	M.W. Bro. Thos. McNabb.....	Turin
Illinois	R.W. Bro. M. M. Downey.....	Edmonton
Indiana	W. Bro. Geo. T. Bragg.....	Edmonton
Ireland	R.W. Bro. Wm. E. Hall.....	Calgary
Kansas	M.W. Bro. S. J. Blair.....	Calgary
Louisiana	R.W. Bro. F. E. Nichol.....	Killam
Mississippi	R.W. Bro. Sam Harris.....	High Prairie
Montana	R.W. Bro. W. A. Braisher	Carbon
Nebraska	W. Bro. F. Barnhouse.....	Edmonton
New Zealand	R.W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell.....	Edmonton
North Dakota	R.W. Bro. J. S. Reid	Vegreville
Nova Scotia	R.W. Bro. John Gillespie.....	Calgary
Ohio	R.W. Bro. S. M. Snedden.....	Edmonton
Phillippine Islands ...	M.W. Bro. F. S. Selwood.....	Calgary
Queensland	R.W. Bro. Thomas Rankine	Calgary
Rhode Island	V.W. Bro. Marcus C. Wright.....	Edmonton
Saskatchewan	M.W. Bro. W. J. Botterill.....	Red Deer
Scotland	R.W. Bro. Thos. Sharpe.....	Calgary
South Australia	R.W. Bro. H. Sandilands.....	Edmonton
Tasmania	R.W. Bro. W. F. W. Carstairs.....	Edmonton
Tennessee	R.W. Bro. E. J. Flavin.....	Edmonton
Victoria	V.W. Bro. G. F. Beart	Edmonton
Virginia	R.W. Bro. J. N. Rankin.....	Calgary
Washington	M.W. Bro. T. F. English.....	Calgary

PAST MASTERS

R.W. Bro. James R. Flan.....	No. 1
V.W. Bro. W. E. Mercer.....	" 1
R.W. Bro. J. N. Rankin.....	" 1
R.W. Bro. Thomas Rankine	" 1
R.W. Bro. John Gillespie	" 1
R.W. Bro. J. S. Lambert.....	" 3
M.W. Bro. Thomas McNabb.....	" 4
R.W. Bro. L. S. Crosby.....	" 5
V.W. Bro. W. H. Hiscocks.....	" 5
V.W. Bro. A. N. Saddington.....	" 5
M.W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis.....	" 6
W. Bro. F. Barnhouse	" 7
W. Bro. Wm. Barnhouse	" 7
W. Bro. G. T. Bragg.....	" 7
R.W. Bro. W. H. Jackson.....	" 8
W. Bro. J. G. Goddard.....	" 8
V.W. Bro. T. M. Allen.....	" 9
M.W. Bro. Bro. S. J. Blair.....	" 9
W. Bro. Wm. Ireland	" 9
R.W. Bro. A. S. Estey.....	" 9
M.W. Bro. N. E. Carruthers.....	" 10
R.W. Bro. W. F. W. Carstairs.....	" 11
M.W. Bro. T. F. English.....	" 11

R.W. Bro. E. J. Flavin	No.	11
W. Bro. C. H. Stone	"	12
R.W. Bro. H. Sandilands	"	14
V.W. Bro. Thos. Ingram	"	14
V.W. Bro. Geo. D. Wallace	"	15
R.W. Bro. J. S. Blake	"	17
R.W. Bro. Geo. E. Bowker	"	18
R.W. Bro. J. F. Casteel	"	19
W. Bro. Fred R. Smith	"	20
R.W. Bro. S. G. Watt	"	21
R.W. Bro. A. J. Davis	"	23
M.W. Bro. T. F. English	"	23
R.W. Bro. E. G. Ironside	"	23
V.W. Bro. E. M. McCammon	"	23
R.W. Bro. Thos. Sharpe	"	23
R.W. Bro. Geo. A. Stewart	"	24
R.W. Bro. J. S. Reid	"	25
R.W. Bro. Robt. Crichton	"	26
R.W. Bro. Geo. E. Cruickshank	"	26
W. Bro. A. Scotland	"	27
R.W. Bro. H. R. Chauncey	"	28
W. Bro. J. V. Follet	"	28
R.W. Bro. W. E. Hall	"	28
W. Bro. W. J. McLeod	"	28
M.W. Bro. F. S. Selwood	"	28
M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor	"	28
M.W. Bro. W. J. Botterill	"	31
W. Bro. L. T. Westlake	"	31
R.W. Bro. Carl J. Braren	"	32
W. Bro. W. J. Craigen	"	34
V.W. Bro. A. M. Dalgleish	"	34
R.W. Bro. C. H. Robinson	"	37
R.W. Bro. Percy Fielding	"	38
R.W. Bro. J. E. Rannard	"	39
W. Bro. Isaac Hughes	"	41
W. Bro. W. Bookless	"	42
R.W. Bro. F. E. Nichol	"	43
R.W. Bro. J. R. Mackie	"	45
W. Bro. N. S. Smith	"	46
R.W. Bro. A. M. Densmore	"	47
R.W. Bro. A. F. McKibbin	"	49
R.W. Bro. F. J. Folinsbee	"	51
R.W. Bro. S. F. Patterson	"	51
W. Bro. H. W. B. Bell	"	53
R.W. Bro. R. H. Lytle	"	55
W. Bro. R. S. S. Wight	"	55
W. Bro. H. Scott	"	57
R.W. Bro. S. H. Middleton	"	58
W. Bro. Andrew Davison	"	59
R.W. Bro. V. Harold Macaulay	"	59
V.W. Bro. J. Rockly	"	59
V.W. Bro. George Beart	"	63
W. Bro. T. W. Bull	"	63
R.W. Bro. George Lomas	"	64
R.W. Bro. H. B. Fuller	"	65
W. Bro. Andrew Sherrett	"	65

R.W. Bro. John Gilmore	No. 67
V.W. Bro. John Thomson.....	" 68
R.W. Bro. H. Rollans	" 69
W. Bro. Harry Ford	" 76
R.W. Bro. J. D. Murdoch	" 76
R.W. Bro. M. M. Downey.....	" 77
R.W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell.....	" 77
R.W. Bro. J. R. Adams.....	" 79
W. Bro. H. V. Phipps.....	" 80
R.W. Bro. W. E. Watkins.....	" 84
V.W. Bro. W. H. Chappell.....	" 86
W. Bro. F. W. Keyte	" 87
W. Bro. G. L. Chesney	" 87
R.W. Bro. Samuel Harris.....	" 88
R.W. Bro. T. A. Norris	" 89
W. Bro. A. M. Johnston.....	" 91
V.W. Bro. Geo. H. McAvoy.....	" 91
R.W. Bro. S. M. Snedden	" 91
R.W. Bro. S. J. Byers.....	" 95
R.W. Bro. W. A. Braisher.....	" 107
R.W. Bro. W. J. Clements	" 108
R.W. Bro. G. T. McGregor	" 110
R.W. Bro. Wm. Harte.....	" 113
R.W. Bro. W. Gilfillan	" 114
W. Bro. F. H. Steele.....	" 114
R.W. Bro. M. L. Chapman.....	" 115
W. Bro. Percival Stead	" 118
R.W. Bro. Fred J. S. Sissons.....	" 121
R.W. Bro. W. T. Cochran.....	" 123
W. Bro. F. V. Truesdale.....	" 124
W. Bro. Wm. Smith, Jr.....	" 128
W. Bro. H. Stainsleigh.....	" 130
W. Bro. B. E. Canniff.....	" 134
V.W. Bro. Mark C. Wright.....	" 142

AND THE FOLLOWING MASTERS AND WARDENS

W. Bro. D. F. Christie.....	W.M.	No. 1
Bro. Lewis Monkley	J.W.	" 2
W. Bro. B. B. Martin.....	W.M.	" 4
W. Bro. J. M. Watt.....	W.M.	" 5
Bro. T. W. Balderston	S.W.	" 5
W. Bro. Donald Ross.....	W.M.	" 7
W. Bro. A. T. Spankie.....	W.M.	" 9
W. Bro. Geo. W. Hazlett	W.M.	" 11
Bro. W. E. Trueman.....	J.W.	" 12
W. Bro. H. B. Fowler.....	W.M.	" 14
W. Bro. Norman A. MacEachern.....	W.M.	" 15
W. Bro. R. A. Craig.....	W.M.	" 16
Bro. James Strath	S.W.	" 16
W. Bro. Walter H. Read.....	W.M.	" 17
W. Bro. H. L. Spankie.....	W.M.	" 19
Bro. A. V. Buckler	S.W.	" 21
Bro. James McDougall.....	J.W.	" 21
W. Bro. W. J. Kidd.....	W.M.	" 22
W. Bro. Thos. Watts	W.M.	" 24
W. Bro. Fred Padgett	W.M.	" 26
Bro. G. M. Ball.....	J.W.	" 27

W. Bro. H. E. Howard	W.M.	No. 28
Bro. J. W. Quinney	S.W.	" 28
W. Bro. W. E. G. Hall	W.M.	" 30
W. Bro. K. G. B. Nourse	W.M.	" 33
W. Bro. W. T. Robinson	W.M.	" 34
W. Bro. Andrew Baillie	W.M.	" 35
W. Bro. R. S. McQueen	W.M.	" 36
Bro. G. Snideman	S.W.	" 36
W. Bro. P. F. Smith	W.M.	" 37
Bro. J. W. Buchanan	S.W.	" 38
W. Bro. F. H. Wilkins	W.M.	" 39
W. Bro. Donald Campbell	W.M.	" 40
W. Bro. Hugh Vagt	W.M.	" 43
W. Bro. D. O. Mathers	W.M.	" 44
W. Bro. S. C. Andrews	W.M.	" 45
Bro. T. M. Wilton	S.W.	" 45
Bro. A. S. Bissett	J.W.	" 45
W. Bro. George A. Agnew	W.M.	" 46
W. Bro. G. E. Blake	W.M.	" 51
W. Bro. C. S. B. Lait	W.M.	" 53
W. Bro. Albert Lees	W.M.	" 54
W. Bro. Jas. R. Donaldson	W.M.	" 55
Bro. B. E. Barlow	S.W.	" 55
W. Bro. Isaac Dawson	W.M.	" 59
W. Bro. W. H. Grainger	W.M.	" 60
Bro. E. H. Van Wart	S.W.	" 60
W. Bro. Wm. G. Fox	W.M.	" 61
W. Bro. G. C. Proctor	W.M.	" 62
W. Bro. James H. Leah	W.M.	" 63
Bro. A. S. Maxwell	J.W.	" 68
R.W. Bro. Herbert J. Sissons	W.M.	" 70
W. Bro. E. J. Charters	W.M.	" 74
Bro. H. W. Scott	J.W.	" 75
W. Bro. W. E. Buckley	W.M.	" 77
W. Bro. Frank Grandage	W.M.	" 79
W. Bro. C. V. Doherty	W.M.	" 80
W. Bro. Thomas Wells	W.M.	" 81
W. Bro. W. H. Andrews	W.M.	" 83
W. Bro. Chas. McLean	W.M.	" 84
W. Bro. J. H. Ross	W.M.	" 87
Bro. H. M. Smith	S.W.	" 87
W. Bro. Alexander Rutherford	W.M.	" 90
W. Bro. N. S. Stewart	W.M.	" 91
Bro. C. W. Boon	J.W.	" 91
W. Bro. Wm. Friefield	W.M.	" 92
W. Bro. W. S. Cameron	W.M.	" 93
W. Bro. C. Grant	W.M.	" 98
W. Bro. F. H. Byersdorf	W.M.	" 100
W. Bro. James Hobbs	W.M.	" 101
W. Bro. Thomas Whittle	W.M.	" 103
W. Bro. S. A. Miller	W.M.	" 104
W. Bro. H. T. Howe	W.M.	" 113
Bro. J. W. Lawrence	S.W.	" 115
W. Bro. John Sample	W.M.	" 117
W. Bro. G. N. McLean	W.M.	" 119
W. Bro. George Ellis	W.M.	" 124

Bro. J. R. Smith	J.W.	No. 125
W. Bro. Raymond M. Peterson.....	W.M.	" 128
Bro. Thomas Scott.....	S.W.	" 129
Bro. N. B. Anderson.....	S.W.	" 135
W. Bro. G. J. McArthur	W.M.	" 139
Bro. W. M. McNab.....	S.W.	" 142
W. Bro. Harry Allen	W.M.	" 145
Bro. Sydney Blackmore	S.W.	" 145
Bro. W. J. Chester.....	J.W.	" 145

OPENING

A constitutional number of lodges being represented, the Grand Lodge was opened in AMPLE FORM and with prayer.

The M.W. the Grand Master granted permission for the admission of all Master Masons in good standing as visitors.

RECEPTION OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

The roll of Grand Representatives of Sister Grand Lodges near this Grand Lodge was then called by the Grand Secretary.

The Grand Representatives present were welcomed by the Grand Master in suitable terms. M.W. Bro. F. S. Selwood, Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Philippine Islands, near this Grand Lodge replied as follows:

M.W. Sir:

On behalf of the Grand Representatives of other jurisdictions near the Grand Lodge of Alberta, I wish to tender to you and to the members of the Grand Lodge of Alberta here assembled, our warmest thanks and keenest appreciation of the very hearty and kindly welcome you have just extended to us.

From time to time we read in the reports of the annual proceedings of the various Grand Bodies we are privileged to represent here today, glowing words of appreciation of the Masonic labors of our brethren in Alberta and we are delighted to know that the true Masonic spirit is everywhere in evidence throughout your Grand Jurisdiction.

Every year it seems more and more apparent that the great mission of Freemasonry in the world is to bring nearer the happy time when peace and good will shall prevail among all men in all countries and climes and harmony and concord shall be the watchwords of progress in this our modern civilization. It is true that now and then clouds appear upon the horizon which threaten the peaceful outlook and at times it would seem as if all the labors and thoughts of well intentioned and peacefully minded men, and particularly members of our Craft throughout the world, will be set at naught; yet by patience and endurance united with constantly renewed efforts to stimulate and maintain the truly Masonic spirit of amity and concord, firstly among our own brethren and thence in ever widening circles of humanity, these difficulties are steadily overcome. And so, progress is made toward the goal, each and every time the storm is weathered and we enter again a new haven in the brightness of a new understanding of our Masonic duties and privileges in the service of God and mankind. We trust the Masons of Alberta shall ever be in the vanguard of those who cherish these lofty ideals and also strive diligently to achieve them.

We shall be pleased to convey to the Grand Masters of our respective jurisdictions, the very happy and cordial greetings you have just extended to us as their official representatives on this occasion, and we desire to assure you that they are greatly appreciated and heartily reciprocated.

Permit me to tender to you, Most Worshipful Sir and to the members of this Grand Lodge, our very best wishes for the success of this your twenty-first Annual Communication, coupled with the hope that your deliberations may be of the greatest value to the Craft throughout this young and virile Province.

MINUTES

Resolved, on motion of M.W. Bro. F. S. Selwood (28), seconded by R.W. Bro. T. F. English (23), "That the minutes of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge at the Twentieth Annual Communication held in the City of Edmonton on June 10th and 11th, 1925, and as appeared in the printed proceedings be taken as read and confirmed."

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

To the Most Worshipful, the Grand Lodge of Alberta,
Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons.

My Brethren:

"I will lift mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help."

On this beautiful June morning in this spacious and comfortable lodge room, under the shadow of the everlasting hills, we lift our hearts in humble and sincere gratitude to the Great Architect of the Universe for the many blessings bestowed upon us, as a province and a people, during the past year, and for the privilege of meeting, with ranks unbroken, in this our twenty-first Annual Communication.

May our deliberations be inspired by the traditions of our noble past, the realization of present progress, and the ever expanding ideals of fruitful service, not only for our generation, but for the succeeding ones.

Our Grand Lodge has reached its maturity. On October 12th, 1905, in the City of Calgary, we were duly formed and constituted. Let us for a moment take a retrospective view of these years. By the reports of December 31st, 1905, we find there were eighteen chartered Lodges, with a membership of 1,206. At this date we have 140 chartered Lodges--six lodges working under dispensation—one Lodge to whom a dispensation has been but recently granted; and three applications requesting dispensations, but awaiting further investigations.

The report of the Grand Secretary on membership shows that on December 12th, 1925, our numbers totalled 12,672. Not only has our numerical increase been eminently satisfactory—and in this particular we are the least concerned—but healthy and vigorous growth has taken place in all lines of Masonic activity. Our meeting places today are comfortable, well-furnished rooms, in many cases the property of the subordinate lodges. The ritualistic work is most uniform, our constitution and ceremonials have been carefully revised; our benevolent fund, invested in Government bonds, has reached the sum of \$107,000. With all this praiseworthy record, I, as a member of this Grand Lodge since its inception, would be dissatisfied were I not fully convinced that a large percentage of our membership realize more fully as the fleeting years pass by, our real duties to God, our country and to one another.

To our Mother Grand Lodge in Manitoba, I wish to tender our most grateful thanks for the kindly sympathy and deep interest she has taken in our progress, and particularly to him whom we now claim as one of our own distinguished Past Grand Masters, M.W. Bro. Thornton.

NECROLOGY

During our Masonic year one hundred and one of our members have been called from earthly labor. A number of our Sister Grand Jurisdictions have suffered the loss of distinguished brethren who have served faithfully in the ranks for many years. To all those, who have been so bereaved, we tender our loving and heartfelt sympathy. The Committee on Fraternal Dead will pay fitting tribute to those distinguished brethren.

Among those in our own Jurisdiction, who have died, were several skilled craftsmen.

THE LATE M.W. BRO. N. J. LINDSAY. This distinguished brother was active in Freemasonry before coming West. He was formerly a Past Master of Havelock Lodge No. 238 under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario. When he came to Calgary in 1883, he at that time was D.D.G.M. for No. 1 (Essex) District, Grand Lodge of Canada.

Shortly after coming to the West he entered into correspondence with the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, with a view to carrying out the wishes of a meeting held in August, 1883, in the shack of George Murdoch, east of the Elbow River. At this meeting he acted as chairman. He also communicated with the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, and obtained from them a dispensation to form Bow River Lodge No. 28, and was appointed the first W.M. At the communication of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, held on February 14th, 1884, he was elected Junior Grand Warden, and as such signed the Charter of Bow River Lodge.

In 1885 he was elected D.D.G.M. of District No. 6, known as Alberta District and comprising all the Lodges then in existence in the territory which afterwards became the Provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan.

Some time afterwards he removed pro-tempore to the Yukon and there practised his profession as a physician. While there he took an active interest in Freemasonry, and was instrumental in having a Lodge formed of which he was the first Master. He took an active part in the formation of this Grand Lodge in 1905, and was subsequently elected Grand Treasurer, which position he held for seven years. At our Annual Communication held at Red Deer in June, 1915, the rank of Honorary Past Grand Master was conferred on him.

Owing to ill health his Masonic activities largely ceased during the last few years. His last attendance at Bow River Lodge was on the occasion of the celebration of the Fortieth Anniversary of its erection, about two years ago.

He died December 17th, 1925, and was buried with full Masonic honors. The funeral was conducted by M.W. Bro. George Macdonald, first Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, and a Past Master of Bow River Lodge. The pallbearers were all Past Grand Masters. Most Worshipful Bro. Lindsay may rightly be regarded the pioneer of Freemasonry in Alberta. He was ever ready to give of his time and talents to the institution he loved so well.

R.W. BRO. THOMAS H. WILSON. This Brother died on April 9th, 1925, after a brief illness. He was a member of Empire Lodge, No. 63, and was also a life member of Norwood Lodge, No. 90, Edmonton. He fulfilled the duties of the office of D.D.G.M. of District No. 10 for the year 1916, in a highly satisfactory manner.

R.W. BRO. DARNLEY L. MURISON. This brother died November 21st, 1925. He was a faithful member of Alberta Lodge, No. 3, Macleod, for many years, and was regular in attendance, and took an active part in all Masonic matters, within the district of which he was a D.D.G.M. in 1912.

R.W. BRO. CHARLES A. DALLAS. For many years this brother was a member of Tawatinaw Lodge, No. 71, Athabasca, and was Grand Steward of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, in 1916. He served as D.D.G.M. of Masonic District No. 10, in 1917. He subsequently removed from the jurisdiction and died in California on March 20th, 1925.

V.W. BRO. WILLISTON F. W. LENT. This brother was formerly a member of Coronation Lodge, No. 466, at Elmvale, Ontario. He was appointed in 1907, by M.W. Bro. H. C. Taylor, the first W.M. of Ashlar Lodge, No. 28, Calgary, and continued to take an active part in Freemasonry wherever opportunity afforded throughout the jurisdiction, until the time of his lamented death. He was Senior Grand Deacon of this Grand Lodge in 1909. He died on April 1st, 1926.

I would ask you to bear with me for a moment while I pay respect to a deceased brother not known to many members of this Grand Lodge, but an intimate neighbor and brother of your Grand Master for twenty-four years. I refer to the late Bro. William Burris of Lacombe. He was made a Mason in Colorado in 1868. He came to Lacombe in 1892, and was one of the pioneers of Freemasonry in this section of the province. He died at Lacombe, November 5th, 1925.

Those sturdy men, who set up the altar of Masonry in this new country, were prophetic souls. They were men of faith who builded better than they knew, as men of faith always do. They believed in the future, in the growth of large things from small beginnings, and in the principles of Masonry as the true foundation of society and the fortress of a free land. They knew that the Masonic Lodge is a silent partner of the home, the church and the school, toiling in behalf of law and order, without which neither industry nor art can flourish, and that its benign influence would help to build this Commonwealth in strength, wisdom and beauty.

Therefore, they erected their altar and kindled its flame: and having wrought in faithfulness, they died in the faith, obeying the injunction of the Master Poet who said: "Keep the young generations in hail, bequeath to them no tumbled house."

Time has more than fulfilled their dream, and the facts have outrun their faith. (Newton).

CHARTERS

In compliance with instructions of Grand Lodge, charters were issued to the following Lodges, and these Lodges were duly constituted and their officers installed:

Alliance Lodge No. 135 at Alliance, in the Fifth Masonic District, constituted July 3rd, 1925, by R.W. Bro. Geo. F. Auxier, P.D.D.G.M.

Cresset Lodge, No. 136, at Barons, in the Eleventh Masonic District, constituted September 8th, 1925, by M.W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis, P.G.M.

Irricana Lodge, No. 137, at Irricana, in the Fifteenth Masonic District, constituted July 14th, 1925, by M.W. Bro. F. S. Selwood, P.G.M.

Onoway Lodge, No. 138, at Onoway, in the Twelfth Masonic District, constituted June 27th, 1925, by M.W. Bro. H. P. Reid, P.G.M.

Melrose Lodge, No. 139, at Daysland, in the Fifth Masonic District, constituted June 26th, 1925, by R.W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell, J.G.W.

Big Valley Lodge, No. 140, at Big Valley, in the Ninth Masonic District, constituted June 23rd, 1925, by M.W. Bro. Norman E. Carruthers, Grand Master.

Efficiency Lodge, at Hughenden, in the Fifth Masonic District; Jasper Park Lodge, at Jasper, in the Twelfth Masonic District; Ivanhoe Lodge, at Edmonton, in the Twelfth Masonic District, and Gratton Lodge, at Irma, in the Third Masonic District were continued under dispensation.

NEW LODGES

St. Alban's Lodge, at St. Paul de Metis, in the Tenth Masonic District. Dispensation issued June 18th, 1925. Harry Allen, W.M.; John T. Burton, S.W.; Sidney Blackmore, J.W. Instituted July 9, 1925, by R.W. Bro. George T. MacGregor, P.D.D.G.M.

Drumheller Lodge, at Drumheller, in the Fourteenth Masonic District. Dispensation issued November 10th, 1925. William Rose Fulton, W.M.; Thomas Moore McGarry, S.W.; and Charles Christian, J.W. Instituted December 2nd, 1925, by R.W. Bro. W. T. Cochran, D.D.G.M.

Dispensation for the formation of a Lodge at Waterhole, in the Peace River district, has been granted recently, but the Lodge has not yet been instituted.

Three applications for dispensations for the formation of Lodges at Vauxhall, Rosebud and Standard are awaiting further investigation. The application at Vauxhall was recommended by Suffield Lodge, No. 85, and the D.D.G.M. of that district. While in attendance at the district meeting at Medicine Hat, I was interviewed, and from what I then learned I decided that it would be advisable to have further investigation. The applications from Standard and Rosebud are also in obedience. I would like to see every district making application for a Lodge receive the same, if the circumstances fully warrant it—but I do not favor weak lodges being formed from lodges already not strong. I would respectfully suggest to the incoming Grand Master that a thorough investigation be made of the existing conditions. The difficulties are intensified by the fact that there are three or four Masonic Districts interested.

DISTRICT MEETINGS

I am pleased to report that accompanied by the M.W. the Grand Secretary, I was able to attend all the district meetings. The meeting scheduled for Fort Saskatchewan did not fully materialize on account of some little misunderstanding, but at a later date this district was given two special meetings, one at Vermilion and the other at Edmonton.

The district meetings were held under very unfavorable conditions. The roads in the south and central parts of the province were during the month of October, in bad condition. The harvest on account of the snow, had not all been gathered; and the people in general were not as optimistic as they otherwise would have been under more satisfactory conditions, and still more the country was in the midst of a federal election. But, notwithstanding these things the meetings were all well attended, the brethren were deeply interested in the work carried on, and the utmost harmony and good fellowship prevailed. The ritualistic work was exemplified at each meeting, and I state with great satisfaction that throughout the jurisdiction this work is most uniform and eminently satisfactory.

The M.W. the Grand Secretary and myself have felt for some years the pressing need of Masonic education in our Lodges. A list of the most noted books on History, Jurisprudence, Symbolism, and general Masonic subjects was compiled. The books were collected, and to make it as impressive as possible, the Grand Secretary conceived the splendid idea of securing a library case, and of having this case and books at each district meeting.

I am not going to dwell on the great necessity of having a more educated brotherhood, Masonically speaking. My views on this subject are given in the report on the condition of Masonry at our last communication.

We have succeeded in placing libraries or the foundations of such in twenty-four subordinate lodges, and while I had hoped for greater things, I shall be content if this particular line of work is given the attention in the future which it warrants.

Our trip to the Peace River country was a most enjoyable one. The district meeting was held at Spirit River. There are in this great north-land about 300 registered Masons, many of those no doubt have left the district, so that with an attendance of 80 at this meeting, the percentage was splendid. We were able to attend meetings at Grand Prairie and Peace River. Our thanks for many kindnesses are tendered to R.W. Bro. Sam Harris, R.W. Bro. Norris and V.W. Bro. Sutherland. They accompanied us to all the meetings, making arrangements for the relay of cars which carried us all along the route from Lake Saskatoon to Peace River.

To my successor I would say by all means visit this northern section of the Jurisdiction. You owe it to yourself and to the brethren of the Peace River country. I predict wonderful things in the development of this northern land within the next fifteen years.

VISITATIONS

In addition to attending the district meetings I have been able to be present at twenty-four subordinate lodges. Space will not permit me to make an extended account of each of my visits. Suffice to say, that on all occasions I have been most cordially received by the large number of brethren in attendance, and most hospitably entertained.

On September 5th, 1925, I visited Concord Lodge, No. 124, Calgary, for the purpose of welcoming to this Grand Jurisdiction M.W. Bro. A. M. Manson, Grand Master of British Columbia. M. W. Bro. Manson was visiting some of his lodges in the southeastern part of his Jurisdiction and was prevailed upon to visit Calgary. He was accompanied by R.W. Bro. Sutherland, Deputy Grand Master, and R.W. Bro. Baird, Senior Grand Warden.

After a short address of welcome to M.W. Bro. Manson and his distinguished subordinates, and his brief reply, the brethren repaired to the banquet room of the Hudson's Bay where a delightful banquet was served by the brethren of Concord Lodge. Eloquent addresses were delivered by the visiting brethren and by some of our Grand Lodge officers. The following were among those present: T. Rankin, P.G.R., L. S. Crosbie, D.D.G.M., W. T. Cochran, D.D.G.M., T. F. English, D.G.M., Thomas Sharpe, P.D.D.G.M., John Kemmis, P.G.M., V. H. Macauley, P.D.D.G.M., George E. Bowker, D.D.G.M., F. S. Selwood, P.G.M., A. M. Densmore, D.D.G.M., S. Y. Taylor, Grand Secretary and your Grand Master.

I also had the pleasure of attending a picnic in Edmonton on Labor Day, September, 1925. This community affair comprised entirely of Masons and their families was attended by over 4,000 people—half of whom at least were children. I enjoyed the afternoon spent with those people very much, for I knew that the children were enjoying themselves. I would commend this community spirit to the brethren throughout the province.

DEDICATION OF LODGE ROOM

Early in the year I dedicated the splendid hall occupied and owned by the brethren of St. Andrews Lodge, No. 66, Trochu. The brethren of Trochu are to be congratulated on the comfortable quarters they now possess, and may they carry on with the same care in matters Masonic in the future, as characterized them in the past.

COMMITTEE ON ERECTION OF MASONIC LODGES IN TOWNS AND VILLAGES

In nearly every case in this Grand Jurisdiction the subordinate lodges have come to realize that it is not only good sound business, but it is the proper course to pursue when they so adjust their finances that lodge dues cover fully all overhead charges, so to speak, and that the amounts received from fees are set aside in a separate account, known as a Building or Benevolent Account. Several lodges already own their own premises and one or two at least intend building this summer. After considerable thought we deemed it advisable to appoint a committee for the purpose of drafting plans, submitting estimates, etc., for the erection of Masonic Lodges in towns and villages.

So many questions enter into the proper construction of a modern lodge room, such as correct size and form, proper lighting, situation, adjoining rooms, sound financing, etc., that the committee was selected with much care, each member possessing some special qualification. The committee consists of M.W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis, chairman, M.W. Bro. F. S. Selwood, R.W. Bro. W. H. Jackson, Bro. H. A. Howard and Bro. D. S. McIlroy. These plans will be the property of Grand Lodge, and will be at the convenience of all the smaller lodges throughout the jurisdiction.

I am glad to report that the brethren of Calgary and Edmonton have already prepared plans and devised ways and means for the erection of Masonic temples.

DECISIONS

I have been called upon to answer several questions relative to our law, but none serious enough to be termed a ruling. They were disposed of by reference to constitutional provisions covering the subject, and as they were but a reiteration of the law, I do not here set them out. Might I suggest that a part of the time of the annual district meeting be devoted to the study of our constitution. Various amendments to by-laws were submitted for my approval. After due consideration they were approved, and the list will appear in the report of the Grand Secretary.

Before closing this report I wish to thank the officers of Grand Lodge for their loyalty and support during my term of office. The Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Wardens have done cheerfully and faithfully the work assigned to them. The District Deputy Grand Masters have carried out their duties with care and deliberation. Their work is quite exacting, and makes considerable demand on their time, their energy and their finances.

I wish especially to thank the Board of Benevolence for the kind attention and faithful service rendered throughout the year.

So many kind things have been said in connection with our Grand Secretary by my predecessors, that I am at a loss to express in words

hitherto unused my deep appreciation for his kindness and consideration to me during the past year. His knowledge of things Masonic is profound. His judgment is sincere, and the neatness and dispatch with which he carries on the work of the Grand Secretary's office is very gratifying. I regret that during the past six months his health has not been such as we had hoped for. I sincerely trust that with a well deserved holiday he will regain his accustomed health.

Before closing I wish to announce that it will be necessary for the brethren of Calgary District No. 1 to elect a new District Deputy Grand Master, as the distinguished brother upon whom this honor was placed at the last district meeting has been called to Winnipeg.

CONCLUSION

In laying down the gavel, the emblem of authority which you confided in me one year ago, I wish to express my appreciation and gratitude for the honor you have done me in electing me your Grand Master. This honor I shall not cease to appreciate while life lasts. I trust I have in some measure realized my duties and responsibilities and my own shortcomings in the discharge of these duties. Whatever errors I have committed, I have to ask you to cover with the broad mantle of Masonic charity, and finally my brethren, may Peace and Harmony prevail and every moral and social virtue cement us.

Fraternally and Faithfully yours,

NORMAN E. CARRUTHERS,
Grand Master.

Resolved, on motion of V.W. Bro. Marcus C. Wright (142), seconded by R.W. Bro. F. J. Folinsbee (51), "That the Grand Master's address as presented be received and referred to the Committee on the Grand Master's address."

COMMUNICATIONS

Letters and telegrams were read from the following brethren expressing their regret at being unable to attend the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge: M.W. Bro. Horace P. Reid, R.W. Bro. Geo. F. Auxier, R.W. Bro. J. E. Johnson, R.W. Bro. Geo. W. Kerby, R.W. Bro. T. W. Teape, V.W. Bro. Wilbor Heslop, W. Bro. A. W. Trickey, and W. Bro. W. T. Coote.

A communication was presented from M.W. Bro. E. A. Braithwaite, thanking the members of Grand Lodge for according him the honor of being their representative at the bi-centenary celebration of the erection of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, held in the City of Winnipeg last June.

A night-lettergram was received from M.W. Bro. A. M. Manson, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, in response to our invitation to be the guest of this Grand Lodge and address the brethren on some Masonic subject during the afternoon session of this communication, which read as follows:

S. Y. Taylor,
12 Elma Block,
Calgary, Alberta.

Victoria, B.C., June 7, 1926.

Have deferred answering until last moment in hope it would be possible to accept the very kind invitation of the M.W. the Grand Master of Alberta. I exceedingly regret that I find it impossible to get away. Please convey to M.W. Bro. Carruthers and to your Grand Lodge my warmest greetings and my hope that your Annual Communication may be truly profitable and pleasant. I shall long remember the warm welcome given by your Grand Master, his officers and brethren in Concord Lodge to our Deputy Grand Master, Grand Senior Warden and myself.

Sincerely and fraternally,

ALEX. M. MANSON.

Telegrams were received from Sister Grand Jurisdictions as follows:

S. Y. Taylor,
Grand Secretary,
Banff, Alberta.

Winnipeg, Man., June 9, 1926.

The Grand Lodge of Manitoba in annual session extends fraternal greetings and wish you a pleasant and profitable communication.

JAMES A. OVAS,
Grand Secretary.

S. Y. Taylor,
Grand Secretary,
Banff, Alberta.

Des Moines, Iowa, June 7, 1926.

The Craft of Iowa have a strong affection for the brethren beyond our northern borders and as you assemble today in Annual Communication we send hearty good wishes for a harmonious and constructive meeting.

T. W. WELLINGTON,
Grand Master.

Telegrams were directed by the M.W. the Grand Master to be dispatched as follows:

Banff, June 9, 1926.

James A. Ovas,
Grand Secretary,
Winnipeg, Man.

The Grand Lodge of Alberta deeply appreciates your good wishes and desires to express the hope that your fifty-first Annual Communication will indelibly mark the opening of a new half century of continued progress and prosperity.

S. Y. TAYLOR,
Grand Secretary.

T. W. Wellington,
Grand Master,
Des Moines, Iowa, U.S.A.

Banff, June 9, 1926.

We appreciate beyond words your annual expression of good will and best wishes for our continued prosperity. May peace, harmony and brotherly love ever prevail within your borders and may the bonds which unite us be strengthened year by year.

N. E. CARRUTHERS,
Grand Master.

REPORTS OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

FIRST MASONIC DISTRICT

Banff, May 18, 1926.

To the M.W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother:

I have the honor to present herewith my report, as District Deputy Grand Master, upon the condition of Masonry in the First Masonic District, for your consideration and approval.

Permit me first to record my keen appreciation of the confidence placed in me by the brethren by electing me to fill this high and responsible office of this Grand Lodge. I have endeavored at all times to carry out the duties devolving upon me to the best of my ability, and I trust my humble effort has been acceptable to you and satisfactory to the members of the Craft throughout this district.

After my election I lost no time in inviting W. Bro. Andy Davison to assist me in my work by accepting the District Secretaryship, which he kindly consented to do, and my choice has proved a happy one, for he has been of the greatest assistance, and has never failed me on any important occasion.

I am glad to report that I was able, during my tenure of office to visit the fifteen lodges in the district once and some of them twice, and the hospitality extended to me at all times will ever render my year of office a pleasant memory. All lodges are in a splendid condition from every Masonic viewpoint, and while the net increase in membership has been less than in previous years, the efficiency with which the several lodges are working is worthy of the highest commendation. The close co-operation of the Calgary lodges in every Masonic activity especially impressed itself upon me, coming as I do from one of the smaller outside lodges, and I must say I consider Calgary a highly organized Masonic unit. Their hospital and sick committees, the exchange of fraternal visits, the Masonic Relief Board, the Masters and Wardens monthly luncheon and the newly formed study club, are all features worthy of mention. The degree work, whenever witnessed, has been performed in a most impressive and dignified manner, and is now exceedingly uniform throughout the district, and seldom was the slightest deviation from the ritual noticed.

The matter of a new Masonic Temple has been under discussion by the Calgary lodges during the past few months, and I am sure we all trust that the brethren will, inspired by the light of wisdom which has always shed its beneficent effects around us, be guided in this commendable undertaking so that pleasure and profit may be the result.

During my term of office, I have been keenly sensible of the great good which is being done without the walls of our lodge rooms, and whenever it has been my privilege to address the members I have always laid stress on the fact that our lodges are the schools in which we learn those lessons of brotherly love, relief and truth which we as Masons should exemplify in all phases of our daily life. In short, I have suggested that we be doers and not hearers only.

The total membership of the district shows but a small increase for the year ending December 27, 1925, and a considerably less numerical gain than for the previous year. There were 34 fewer initiations, and 31 fewer affiliations than in 1924, while the membership was also affected by the large number of dimits and suspensions. I also regret to report that during the year we lost 25 brethren by death, being twice that of the preceding year. From observations made during my visits, I am satisfied that the material being received into our lodges is of a high standard and this we all regard of vastly more importance than a large increase in membership. While the attendance for the most part was very satisfactory, a little more attention in this respect by the older members would be desirable. It is a curious fact that in most lodges where one would expect the average attendance to be small owing to the distances necessary to be travelled by members, it has been very good, while in some of the lodges where the members are more fortunate in this respect the attendance could, I think, be greatly improved by the organization of attendance committees.

The financial condition of all lodges throughout the district is excellent. All have substantial cash balances, the aggregate of which exceeds \$8,000.00 and the combined assets over and above liabilities of the lodges in the district exceeds \$80,000.00. The buildings and furniture seem to be adequately covered by insurance. The condition in which I found the books of all the lodges was very gratifying; they have been accurately and neatly kept, and careful attention is being paid to financial matters generally. The sum of \$4,276.79 has been paid for relief by the lodges during the year, as compared with \$2,927.00 during 1924. When sending out the statement of work to be completed by the lodges I requested that they be supplemented by a copy of the annual balance sheet, and this has been a great help to me in my work as D.D.G.M., and I therefore pass the suggestion on to incoming District Deputies in case this is not the general practice throughout the province.

The matter of outstanding dues is one that I had hoped would not find a place in this report; but when I find 19% of all members to be more than one year in arrears, and the total amount of outstandings on December 27th last being nearly \$6,600.00, I feel in duty bound to the officers of the lodges, and more particularly to the secretaries, to lay the position before the members and solicit their co-operation with a view of improving the existing conditions. This criticism does not apply to all lodges, and I wish to make mention that St. Mark's Lodge, No. 118, had the proud record of having no dues outstanding at the end of their fiscal year. Since my visit some of the lodges report the amount of outstandings considerably reduced, so I trust that my successor in office may be able to report a considerable improvement.

ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING

The Annual District Meeting was held in the City of Calgary on November 4, 1925, in Perfection Lodge Rooms, with a large attendance present at all sessions. I deeply appreciate the effort put forth by the twelve members of Cascade Lodge who accompanied me on this occasion, the W.M. and both Wardens being present. Much credit for the success of the meeting is due to the fine co-operation of the officers of all the city lodges, and especially to the District Secretary, W. Bro. Andy Davison, for his untiring efforts in seeing that all details were carried out according to program.

Special features of the meeting were: The exemplification of the Fellow Craft degree by officers selected from several Calgary lodges, with W. Bro. D. G. L. Cunningham, Master of Zetland Lodge, in the chair. During the afternoon session, M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, addressed the meeting and stressed the importance of Masonic study and supplied all present with a list of books selected by Grand Lodge, which he highly recommended to members of the Craft, and which should find a place in the libraries of all subordinate lodges. The evening session will long be remembered as one of pleasure and profit. Excellent addresses were delivered by the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. N. E. Carruthers, and Bro. Rev. Geo. A. Dickson, who chose as his theme, "The Master's Master-piece." The meeting was terminated by a banquet tendered the visitors by the Calgary lodges. All present enjoyed the entertainment furnished by the many talented brethren who took part in the evening's entertainment.

BOW RIVER LODGE, No. 1

I had the pleasure of visiting Bow River Lodge, No. 1, on December 2, 1925, accompanied by W. Bro. W. H. Hiscocks, Master of Cascade Lodge, No. 5. No degree work was witnessed on the occasion of this my official visit, but I judged from the general proficiency of the routine work of the lodge, that the officers are well skilled. The annual election of officers took place, and from the satisfaction expressed by the members present, it may be safely concluded that the ensuing year will be a very prosperous one for this lodge.

The position respecting arrears of dues has greatly improved during the past year, and much credit may be attributed to the untiring efforts of the Secretary, Bro. A. J. Cowling, who wrote numerous personal letters to bring about the desired improvement.

I found the historical register beautifully kept and I am sure this valuable record will prove a source of useful information, when some skilled brother undertakes the work of uniting the history of Masonry in this province. In the front pages of the By-laws of this lodge may be found a brief history of the lodge, which I think is a capital plan and one that might well be imitated by all lodges, as it furnishes all members with valuable information.

A most enjoyable social hour was spent at the close of this meeting by the large number of members and visitors present.

CASCADE LODGE, No. 5

On November 6, 1925, I took the opportunity of paying my official visit to this my mother lodge, upon the occasion of the visit paid Cascade by the Grand Master. No degrees were conferred on this occasion, but from observation upon previous visits, I am able to report that excellent work is being performed by this lodge, which has a fine set of officers. All records of the lodge are well kept, and special credit is due W. Bro. W. E. Ward, undoubtedly one of the best secretaries in the district. This lodge raised a large number of candidates during the year, and the prospects for the coming year are bright.

I attended an outdoor communication of this lodge, held on the top of Rundle Mountain, nearly 10,000 feet above sea level on September 1st, in

which about thirty members participated. The outing was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

PERFECTION LODGE, No. 9

I visited Perfection Lodge, No. 9, on May 4th, accompanied by W. Bro. Andy Davison and W. Bro. A. W. Trickey, D.D.G.M. clect. This was my last official visit during my term of office and needless to say it was a fitting termination of a year of great pleasure and profit to me. Perfection still holds first place within the district in membership and financial worth, and in my opinion most nearly attains that degree of perfection in degree work indicated by its name. W. Bro. A. T. Spankie and his officers are to be congratulated upon the effort they must necessarily put forth in the preparation of their work. The Master Mason degree was conferred upon three sterling candidates, and being more familiar with the York Rite I was personally impressed with the solemnity and dignity with which the work was carried out. Their beautiful lodge room and excellent music added much to the ceremony. There was a large attendance of members, and a pleasant feature of the meeting was a fraternal visit from the members of Ashlar Lodge. There were also a number of visitors from Cornerstone Lodge, High River, present.

I found the books and records well kept and the financial statement shows this lodge to be very strong financially.

The banquet tendered the visitors was duly appreciated by them, as well as the fine musical program and the addresses, especially that of W. Bro. H. E. Howard, Master of Ashlar Lodge.

I think I am safe in recommending Perfection Lodge as a permanent lodge of instruction.

The large amount expended for relief purposes by this lodge is worthy of special mention.

CALGARY LODGE, No. 23

I visited Calgary Lodge, No. 23, on December 4th, at which meeting their annual election took place, resulting in a fine slate of officers being chosen to fill the chairs for 1926.

W. Bro. R. G. Lewin made me feel very much at home during my visit, as he and several other members of this lodge were formerly members of my own lodge. After a thorough examination of the books and records, I found them to be up to date and in perfect order. It was an easy matter to sense the spirit of harmony existing among the members of this lodge, the true Masonic spirit being evident on every hand, and I am sure the good work being accomplished must be very gratifying to the entire membership. I was sorry my visit fell on a date when no degrees were being conferred, but from the general proficiency of the lodge, I am sure the ritualistic work is carried out on a par with the other city lodges.

The usual happy hour was spent in the banquet room and a splendid program enjoyed by all present.

ASHLAR LODGE, No. 28

On October 22nd, accompanied by W. Bro. Davison, I paid my official visit to Ashlar Lodge. This was Ashlar's Past Masters' night and the chairs were filled by some of the most skilled Masons in the whole district, no less than five of whom were Past Grand Officers. The Entered Apprentice degree was ably conferred upon Bro. (Rev.) W. Simpson

with a marked degree of solemnity by V.W. Bro. H. R. Chauncey, while the excellence of the music added greatly to the ceremony. Bro. (Rev.) H. W. Avison addressed the lodge on the "Early History of Masonry," and from the prolonged applause it was evidenced that his talk was much appreciated.

An examination of the books showed them to be carefully kept. The lodge is in a good financial position, but the attendance for the year was a little disappointing, being considerably below the average for the district.

GLEICHEN LODGE, No. 36

On December 1st, along with W. Bro. Hiscock, Master of Cascade Lodge, No. 5, I had the pleasure of visiting Gleichen Lodge, No. 36, and found upon an examination of the books that the lodge has made good progress during the year. The attendance has been very good for a small lodge and one which has a large percentage of members living in the country. A large amount has been paid for relief. The financial condition is all that could be desired, the lodge having no liabilities and owning its own hall. A fine set of officers was elected at this meeting to fill the chairs for 1926.

The fact that several unauthorized copies of the Work were in the hands of certain members of this lodge came to my attention, and I requested that these be collected and sent to me in order that they might be destroyed. I have since received a few copies but fear that others are still in the possession of some of the members. I trust the new officers will do all in their power to see the wish of Grand Lodge carried out regarding this matter.

I deeply appreciated the effort put forth by the out-of-town members to be present at this meeting. An elaborate banquet was served at the close of the lodge, and all present had a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

KING SOLOMON LODGE, No. 41

On November 27th, I visited King Solomon Lodge, No. 41, Cochrane, accompanied by W. Bro. Hiscock, officers and a large number of members of Cascade Lodge, No. 5, twenty-six in all, the return trip of one hundred and twenty-five miles being made by motor. We received a warm welcome and were royally entertained. At the request of W. Bro. Loughery, the visiting officers conferred the Master Mason degree upon Bro. Hope. It is rather difficult for this lodge to put this degree on satisfactorily owing to its small membership. The manner in which the ordinary business was transacted and that of opening and closing the lodge, convinced me the officers are well up in their work.

I found the books all in order excepting the historical register, which has not been written up for some years. I suggested this should be done without further delay in order that valuable information may be preserved. The finances are in a healthy state, and the average attendance of 37% of its membership for the year clearly demonstrates there is no lack of interest.

I am indebted to the large number of Cascade members who supported me on my official visit to Cochrane.

STRATHMORE LODGE, No. 53

I had the pleasure of visiting Strathmore Lodge, No. 53, on Monday, May 3, 1926, in company with several good friends from Calgary, V.W.

Bro. Mercer, W. Bro. Davison, W. Bro. Trickey, W. Bro. Petrie, and Bro. E. Drysdale. A large attendance greeted us, which was certainly appreciated. There were also a large number of visitors from Rockyford, Hussar and Standard.

We witnessed the conferring of the Entered Apprentice degree in the Canadian Rite, and it was admirably performed, the work of the Master and the Junior Warden being especially good. I understand a great improvement has taken place in this lodge during the few months preceding my visit. I was sorry to note the resignation of Bro. Eves as secretary owing to removal from the district. Much credit is due him for the excellent financial position this lodge enjoys, and the proficient way in which I found the books.

Never have I attended a meeting in which the highest tenets of our Order were so beautifully exemplified as on my visit to Strathmore Lodge. It goes on record upon my memory at least, as having arisen to an occasion which resulted in the performance of the finest Masonic act which has come under my observation during my term of office. There is a fine bond of fellowship existing in this lodge and the prospects for the future are bright.

MOUNT LEBANON LODGE, No. 54

I paid my official visit to Mount Lebanon Lodge, No. 54, on Tuesday, April 27, 1926, accompanied by W. Bro. Davison, W. Bro. A. W. Trickey, and several other members from different city lodges. There was a very large attendance but the register shows that this is not unusual. I found the books and records very neatly and accurately kept, and the financial position excellent. The lodge is very active and doing good work, not only in the lodge room but in many practical ways outside.

I witnessed the conferring of the Master Mason degree upon two brethren, who, I am sure, will prove useful members. The officers performed their work practically perfect.

This lodge is about to change its place of meeting, and it is sincerely hoped that this will in no way affect the attendance or the goodfellowship now existing. The supper and social hour, as usual, terminated a happy and profitable evening. W. Bro. A. Lees is receiving fine co-operation from his officers and success throughout the year is assured.

KING GEORGE LODGE, No. 59

In company with W. Bro. J. M. Watt and several officers and members of Cascade Lodge, who were paying a fraternal visit, on March 19th, I paid my official visit to King George Lodge, No. 59. We were most heartily received by W. Bro. Isaac Dawson, officers and members.

Much credit is due Secretary Bro. T. B. Donald for the proficient manner in which he keeps the books and records of the lodge. I would like to see him receive a little better support from some of the members in the matter of dues. The lodge seems to be in a very healthy condition, and doing satisfactory work.

Their annual "Irish Night," was celebrated this evening, with my good friend and secretary, W. Bro. Davison in the chair, supported by a set of Irish officers, who very creditably conferred the Entered Apprentice degree upon three candidates. The members very thoughtfully presented me with a fine "Blackthorn" fresh from the "ould sod."

and it shall always keep fresh in my memory the pleasure which was mine on this occasion. The sociability which existed at the excellent banquet which had been prepared, the Irish songs and the many witty speeches, made all of us feel very much at home.

ZETLAND LODGE, No. 83

On December 8th, upon the kind invitation of Zetland Lodge, I accompanied the Grand Master and other Grand Lodge officers on a visit to this lodge.

After the official reception of the Grand Master and visitors, the Entered Apprentice degree was very impressively conferred upon Mr. H. B. McDonald, by W. Bro. D. G. L. Cunnington, supported by an able staff of officers. The excellent condition of the books and records is due to the untiring effort and efficient work of Secretary R.W. Bro. Victor Bowes. This lodge takes Masonry as we all should—seriously. An atmosphere of dignity is ever present from the opening until the closing of the lodge. I was indeed fortunate in being able to pay my official visit on this auspicious occasion when so many members were present to do honor to the Grand Lodge. After the banquet, a most interesting address was delivered by the Grand Master, dealing with the early history of Masonry in Western Canada, more particularly in Manitoba, under whose jurisdiction the older lodges of Alberta operated for many years. The Grand Secretary also delivered an impressive address, directing his remarks to the newly initiated candidate especially. I had the honor of responding to the toast to the First Masonic District. Solos by W. Bro. Davison, Bro. Reynolds and Bro. Eaton were high lights on the program.

CRESCENT LODGE, No. 87

I had the pleasure of visiting this lodge officially on October 27th, when a large number of members turned out and gave me a very cordial reception. It was not difficult to sense the spirit of harmony and good fellowship which exists in this lodge.

The members of Crescent are fortunate in owning their own commodious premises which they hope to have completely paid for at an early date. The lodge is to be congratulated upon its excellent selection of officers all of whom perform their duties in a most proficient manner. It was an emergent meeting on the occasion of my visit and I had the pleasure of witnessing the conferring of the Fellow Craft degree upon Bro. Logan, whose examination proved him well skilled as an Entered Apprentice.

One of the features of the evening was a most instructive lecture by Bro. H. B. Adshead, who chose for his topic, "Ancient and Freemasons." It was evident that Bro. Adshead must have spent considerable time in his researches and his explanations by means of specially prepared charts added materially to the educational value of his fine address. Another feature of this meeting was the fact that Perfection Lodge paid a fraternal visit to Crescent Lodge and the W.M. was accompanied by a large number of officers and members. V. W. Bro. Marsh ably assisted me in responding to the toast to Grand Lodge.

I found the books and records to be in good order, but a large amount of dues were outstanding. I understand considerable improvement has taken place since my visit. The lodge holds a strong financial position and it is very active and doing good work.

ST. MARK'S LODGE, No. 118

I visited St. Mark's Lodge, No. 118, in company with W. Bro. Davison, District Secretary, on October 26th, and although the evening was somewhat inclement, a large number of members were out to greet us. The number was increased by a good turn-out from Crescent Lodge, who were paying the St. Mark's brethren a fraternal visit.

All the officers are quite proficient in their work, and the Fellow Craft degree was conferred upon two brethren in a highly satisfactory manner. The way in which the candidates passed their examination was evidence that the initiates in this lodge are receiving a good grounding in the work. I was much pleased with the state in which I found the books and records of this lodge. The Secretary, W. Bro. S. D. Jenkins, is one of the best officers in the district, and the way in which the members try to assist him is proof of the high esteem in which he is held by them. This lodge holds the unique position of having no dues outstanding at the end of its fiscal year. It has a substantial building fund built up, and is looking forward to owning its own lodge premises at an early date. The attendance has been well above the average for the district during the year, and the prospects for the future are very encouraging.

CONCORD LODGE, No. 124

I paid my official visit to Concord Lodge, No. 124, on Saturday, December 5th, which was their regular meeting night.

This is the youngest lodge in the district, except one, but there is certainly none more active. One would naturally suppose the attendance in a lodge comprised chiefly of commercial travellers, would be poor, but here it is the reverse, this lodge holding first place among the fifteen lodges in the district, with an average of 72% of its members for the year. The system used to check attendance by keeping a membership roll, I think helps the attendance materially, and I would like to see other lodges adopt this plan. The lodge has built up a large cash reserve, and is in a position to meet any contingency. No degrees were conferred on this occasion, but the annual election took place with despatch and satisfaction to all.

I had the pleasure of attending this lodge on September 5th, when Grand Master Carruthers selected Concord to act as hosts when M.W. Bro. A. M. Manson, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, accompanied by the Deputy Grand Master and Senior Grand Warden, paid a fraternal visit to the Grand Lodge of Alberta, full details of which will no doubt find a place in the Grand Master's address. I also visited here on October 3rd, when the Grand Master paid this lodge an official visit. The second degree was conferred upon one brother, with the chairs filled by Past Masters who put on the work, as well as if it were but yesterday they occupied the several chairs. The banquet on this evening was featured by a game supper, the result of the efforts of W. Bro. F. V. Truesdale and several members, who certainly are a bunch of "Jolly Good Fellows."

RENFREW LODGE, No. 134

On October 28th, I visited Renfrew Lodge, No. 134, in company with W. Bro. Andy Davison, and found just what one would expect of a newly organized lodge—good attendance, excellent co-operation between officers and members, perfect ritualistic work, and all committees func-

tioning as they should. We witnessed the initiation of two candidates and the manner in which the degree was conferred was equal to any I have seen during my visits. Bow River Lodge, No. 1, paid Renfrew Lodge a fraternal visit this evening and at the invitation of W. Bro. Canniff, W. Bro. Thompson and his officers conferred the second section of the degree. There is a fine bond of fellowship existing between the oldest and youngest lodges in District No. 1.

This lodge increased its membership by twenty-one, during the year, the largest gain of any lodge in the district during 1925.

An excellent supper was served at the close of the lodge and all enjoyed the special program which had been prepared by the Junior Warden.

In conclusion, I desire to thank all the brethren who assisted me in the carrying out of my duties, the many courtesies shown, and loyal support which I have received throughout my year of office. Trusting this report will meet with your approval, and that my humble effort has partially merited the confidence placed in me by the members of the Craft when they elected me to this responsible office.

Fraternally submitted,

LOUIS S. CROSBY,
D.D.G.M., District No. 1.

SECOND MASONIC DISTRICT

Burdett, May 13, 1926.

To the M.W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit my report on the condition of Masonry in the Second Masonic District for the present year. I wish to say that I have visited every lodge in the district at least once during my year of office.

I would like to call your attention to the statistical report of this district, and to make especial mention of the amount of relief paid out by the various lodges. When you consider that District No. 2 is situated in one of the extremely dry parts of Alberta, where no crops have been raised for several years, it is with a feeling of pride that I draw your attention to this section. The bulk of this money was paid out by the Medicine Hat brethren, and their relief work is most praiseworthy. Their sick and visiting committees are very active and I am confident M.W. Sir, that you will join with me in thanking these brethren on behalf of the district.

The condition of Masonry as a whole in District No. 2, is generally speaking, good, with the exception of one or two of the smaller lodges. However, I might say that while some of these lodges might be small in numbers and financially weak, yet the Masonic spirit among these brethren is excellent, and most praiseworthy. As did my predecessor, I found the books and records of the various lodges in good condition. In some cases the historical register had been neglected, but I believe in the neglected cases that they will be brought up to date. I discussed the matter of arrears of dues in some of the lodges where I found they had

been lax in this particular department, and I am pleased to report that great improvement is being made along this line. I am glad to report that the degree work which I saw exemplified was of very uniform nature, and I believe speaks well for my predecessors in office and for the educational work carried on and exemplified at our district meetings.

The following are short reports of my various visits:

DISTRICT MEETING

The District Meeting was held in Medicine Hat on October 2nd, at which we had a very good attendance. This meeting was attended by the M.W. the Grand Master, and the Grand Secretary.

The officers of Medicine Hat Lodge, No. 2, opened the lodge at 2.30 p.m. sharp, and the Grand Lodge officers were then received in form. The officers of Medicine Hat Lodge, No. 2, vacated the chairs and the officers of Bow Island Lodge, No. 64, were invited to continue the work and exemplify the second degree. W. Bro. Gage and his officers performed their duty to the entire satisfaction of all present. The degree was conferred in a most impressive manner, and the officers of Bow Island Lodge were congratulated by the Grand Lodge officers present. A splendid banquet and program was then given by the Medicine Hat brethren at St. Barnabas Church, at which interesting speeches were delivered by M.W. Bro. Carruthers, M.W. Bro. Taylor, and several other brethren. Labor was resumed at 8.00 p.m., at which time interesting and instructive addresses were delivered by M.W. Bro. Carruthers, Grand Master, and by M.W. Bro. Taylor, Grand Secretary. The election of D.D.G.M. for the ensuing year resulted in V.W. Bro. Wight of Bassano, being elected. Bassano was chosen as the place for holding the District Meeting for 1926.

The meeting was closed in form by the officers of Lodge No. 35, at 10.00 p.m.

INSTALLATION

On December 29th by special dispensation a joint installation was held at Bow Island, and being ably assisted by W. Bro. McLaughlin of Grassy Lake, W. Bro. Raisbeck and W. Bro. Reid, I installed the officers of Grassy Lake Lodge, No. 57, and Bow Island Lodge, No. 64. After the ceremony a banquet and program was given by the Bow Island brethren, which was enjoyed by all present.

GRASSY LAKE LODGE, No. 57

I made my first official visit in the district to this my Mother lodge. I was accompanied on this visit by several members of Bow Island Lodge, No. 64. I found the books of this lodge in first class shape and well kept. I am looking forward to this lodge making good progress during this year.

MEDICINE HAT LODGE, No. 2

I visited this lodge officially on April 13th. It was my privilege to see this lodge confer the second degree on several candidates, and praise from me on their degree work is not necessary. Sufficient to say that it was conducted up to the usual standard of this lodge. The officers and members of this lodge are very enthusiastic, especially along the lines of charitable work, and, as is mentioned on the other part of my report to you, the report of this lodge would not be complete without mentioning

the good benevolent work they are doing and the very efficient work done by R.W. Bro. Williams, their secretary. This brother is on the job all the time and I am of the opinion that Medicine Hat Lodge, No. 2, will never grow stale while this brother is in their midst.

QUARRY LODGE, No. 70

I visited this lodge on April 19th, and was fortunate enough to be present with them on Past Master's night. I witnessed the raising of two candidates by the old guard of this lodge, and I can assure you that the work was exemplified in a very beautiful manner. About sixty of the Medicine Hat brethren were present at this meeting, on an inter lodge visitation, and the feeling of good fellowship was very apparent. At the banquet table I was privileged to hear addresses by R.W. Bro. Hodge, V.W. Bro. Stone, and several of the Medicine Hat brethren, which were very instructive. The books and records of this lodge are well kept, and the financial condition is good.

MIZPAH LODGE, No. 35

I visited this lodge on April 20th and was fortunate in being present on this occasion as they were holding a Past Master's night. The chair was occupied by R.W. Bro. E. Bell. Every office in the lodge was occupied by a Past Master, and the third degree was exemplified by these old timers. I have seldom seen the Canadian Rite work exemplified in so impressive a manner, and I have never seen the work excelled. This lodge is very active in relief work, and together with the members of Medicine Hat Lodge, No. 2, are doing wonderful work along this line. Their books and records are well kept. Their historical register is something to be proud of, and Bro. Stephens, their secretary, is to be congratulated.

SUFFIELD LODGE, No. 85

I visited this lodge officially on April 21st, and was accompanied by several carloads of brethren from Mizpah Lodge, No. 35, including V.W. Bro. McBain, W. Bro. Hoag, and W. Bro. Bailie. This lodge was unfortunate through being deprived of its lodge room during the month of December last. However, they are fortunate in being able to acquire new quarters in a much better location, and permission was given them to move. I was greatly surprised to note the improvement in this lodge when I made my official visit. The Masonic spirit manifested by these brethren is commendable. Several of the brethren drive between thirty and forty miles for each lodge meeting, and on looking over their register I find them to be always on hand. This lodge had been handicapped on account of poor crop conditions, but I am convinced that they have weathered the storm, and a brighter day is in store for them. I advised the brethren to take action on their outstanding dues, and they assured me that they would give this matter attention.

BOW ISLAND LODGE, No. 64

I visited this, my own lodge, officially on April 27th, and witnessed the exemplification of the first degree on two candidates. Several carloads of members from Redcliff and Medicine Hat were present. An excellent feeling of good fellowship was manifested by all present. The books and records are in good shape. The officers are very proficient, and this lodge is making good progress and can be termed one of the successful lodges in the drought area.

BROOKS LODGE, No. 73

I visited this lodge on May 3rd, and was privileged to see the second degree exemplified on three candidates in a very creditable and praise-worthy manner. This lodge is to be congratulated on their quarters, also the manner in which the affairs of the lodge are handled. The books and records are under the care of R.W. Bro. Anderson, and are well kept. The affairs of this lodge are in excellent condition.

BASSANO LODGE, No. 55

I paid my official visit to this lodge on May 4th, at which time the third degree was exemplified in a very creditable manner. This lodge is very enthusiastic. The various officers are proficient and the records and books are well kept. I was informed that this lodge contemplates the erection of a new hall at some future date, which will be a great help to the district. The spirit of Masonry at this point is excellent.

HUSSAR LODGE, No. 130

I visited this lodge on May 5th, accompanied by V.W. Bro. Wight, and several carloads of brethren from Bassano. The first degree was exemplified by the officers in a creditable manner. I would like to draw your attention to the fact that this lodge is not carrying any arrears of dues. It seems to be the pride of the brethren of this lodge to keep their dues paid right up to date. I recommended very strongly that they start a Benevolent Fund, and I was assured that my suggestion would be acted upon. This lodge is to be congratulated on its beautiful lodge rooms, and the general feeling of good fellowship manifested in the district. I wish particularly to thank W. Bro. Stainsleigh for his kindness and courtesy in arranging my transportation, and for making my visit very pleasant. The records and books of this lodge are well kept and in good hands. I feel that this lodge has a very bright future.

In conclusion I wish to thank the brethren of District No. 2 for the assistance and co-operation that they have given me during my term of office. Officers and members of the various lodges, I take this opportunity of thanking you for the many kindnesses shown to me during my visits to your lodge. My year of office has been a very enjoyable one and in closing my report, I again wish to say to you all, I sincerely thank you.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE LOMAS,
D.D.G.M., District No. 2.

THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT

Edmonton, May 7, 1926.

To the M.W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother:

It is with much pleasure that I submit my report for the Third Masonic District of which as District Deputy I have had charge during the past year.

I have visited each lodge in the district at least once officially and have paid several unofficial visits during my term of office. I find the condition of Masonry in the Third Masonic District to be very satisfactory indeed. Some of the lodges are small but they all feel that they can carry on successfully and hope that with an increase in the population of the country their lodges will in due course increase in size. I find that most of the smaller lodges are compelled to use not only their dues but all revenue derived from initiations and affiliations to enable them to keep out of debt. This is a condition that I consider very unfortunate but nevertheless unavoidable and will correct itself in due time. I have tried to impress on the larger lodges, whose income from dues should be sufficient to pay their running expenses, that they should endeavor to set aside a special fund for the purpose of their own members relief, now or in the future and it is with pleasure that I find that several of the lodges in my district have already a nucleus of such a fund.

DISTRICT MEETING

A joint meeting of Districts No. 3 and 12 was held in the Patricia Lodge Room, 116th Street, Edmonton, on Saturday, October 17, 1925. This meeting was well attended, especially by the brethren of the City of Edmonton.

The second degree was beautifully exemplified and the work reviewed by M.W. Bros. W. M. Connacher and S.Y. Taylor, Custodians of the Work. M.W. Bro. Norman E. Carruthers, Grand Master, was present and complimented the brethren upon the success of the meeting.

R.W. Bro. Geo. W. Kerby, Past Grand Chaplain, was also present and delivered an inspiring address at the banquet table.

Summary of Official Visits:

EDMONTON LODGE, No. 7

On December 29th I had the pleasure of visiting Edmonton Lodge on the occasion of their installation of officers and at the request of their W.M. I performed the ceremony. I must thank W. Bro. Dyer and the other officers who gave me very valuable assistance. I find this lodge in excellent hands and am sure it will always be a great credit to District No. 3. I also had the opportunity of visiting this lodge unofficially on the occasion of their conferring the first degree and found the work performed in a very creditable manner.

STAR OF THE WEST LODGE, No. 34

I paid my first official visit to this lodge on November 3rd, and found everything in splendid condition. This lodge owns its own building, which is used for lodge purposes only and at the present time they are considering adding to their holdings by purchasing the adjoining lot. I am sorry to find that the historical register of this lodge is still untouched, but the W.M. has assured me that this will be attended to at an early date, a committee having already been appointed for that purpose. This lodge is a credit to the district and I am sure will always give a splendid account of itself.

BUFFALO PARK LODGE, No. 44

At a regular meeting of Buffalo Park Lodge on September 30th, I had the pleasure of visiting them officially. The attendance was very poor

for the size of the lodge and the condition of their affairs could be improved upon without much difficulty. The historical register is not written up in the manner it should be. The financial condition is good and I am sure that with a little effort they can take the place in our honorable Craft that the district which they represent justifies.

PALESTINE LODGE, No. 46

It has been one of my greatest pleasures to visit this lodge, not only during my term of office but on many previous occasions, and I have always found the true spirit of the Craft exemplified to the fullest degree. One can always take a lesson from their enthusiasm and loyalty to our ancient traditions. On Wednesday, November 18th, I visited them officially, found their affairs with the exception of the historical register, in excellent condition, and after the work was completed a very enjoyable refreshment hour was spent.

UNITY LODGE, No. 51

It has always been said that a man should find the fullest enjoyment in his own home and in this respect Unity Lodge is no exception to me. It is my Masonic home and I can only speak in the highest praise of the manner in which they conduct their work. The W. M. and his officers are well skilled in the management of the Craft, whether at labor or refreshment. The financial affairs are well managed. The historical register is one of the best in my district and I can only wish for their continued prosperity.

CONNAUGHT LODGE, No. 69

On March 2nd, I officially visited this lodge and was agreeably surprised at the splendid way in which they worked the first degree. On examining the books I find that they are in first class condition with the exception of the historical register, which is not up to date. The officers of this lodge are well qualified to conduct its affairs. The District Deputy-elect is a member and well qualified for the duties of his office. I must thank the brother of this lodge who made it possible for me to reach Holden in time for my official visit to that lodge, the regular lines of travel not permitting me to do so.

COMMERCIAL LODGE, No. 81

This lodge is unique in being composed of members who more or less follow one line of business and also in the fact that they never have any arrears of dues. Their affairs are well managed, the books well kept and an excellent Masonic spirit pervades their gatherings at all times. They live up to the fullest extent of all their income at all times. This I think is a mistake. I believe that all lodges should keep more or less of a reserve fund on hand for emergencies.

DYNAMIC LODGE, No. 96

On March 3rd, 1926, I visited officially Holden Lodge and found a small body of very enthusiastic Masons who are handicapped by their inability to collect their dues to the extent that they should and thus they are in arrears in their general account. I would strongly advise that they make a special effort to correct this condition. I am pleased to note that they have a special fund known as a local benevolent fund,

which has already reached some hundreds of dollars. This lodge performs its work well and I am sure that it will always give a good account of itself.

ALBION LODGE, No. 97

On October 1st, I attended a regular meeting of this lodge and found the books in good condition, the historical register well written and the finances well in hand. This lodge finds difficulty at certain seasons of the year in getting enough of its members together to hold a meeting. Only nine regular meetings were held last year. I hope the enthusiasm of a few of its members will be rewarded in the near future.

EDGERTON LODGE, No. 102

On the occasion of my visit to this lodge I had to make a ten mile trip into the country to inspect the books, the secretary being unable to bring them in to the meeting. I found everything in order and a most enjoyable evening was spent. A splendid spirit pervades this lodge. I hope for its continued prosperity.

VICTORY LODGE, No. 112

One of the most pleasant visits that I experienced on my trip was to Victory Lodge. W. Bro. Linholm did all in his power to make my official visit a success and for such a small lodge I was agreeably surprised at the splendid manner in which they have arranged their lodge room. Their books and accounts are in excellent condition.

GRATTON LODGE, U.D

The third degree was exemplified by this lodge on the occasion of my official visit on September 28th. The W.M. is well qualified to confer the various degrees and he has a very efficient staff of officers. At the time of my visit this lodge occupied a church which was not very suitable. Since that time they have moved to a lodge room of their own and I enclose a report from W. Bro. Jaeger, who very kindly inspected the premises for me. This lodge is suitably provided with furniture and regalia. The future of this lodge is very bright.

Fraternally submitted,

F. J. FOLINSBEE,
D.D.G.M., District No. 3.

FOURTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Ponoka, June 3, 1925.

To the M.W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother:

I have the honor of submitting herewith, my report on the condition of Masonry in the Fourth Masonic District for the year 1925-26.

During my term of office, I have been privileged to visit each lodge in the district once, and in one instance twice. I have enjoyed the work very much indeed and at every visit, I was royally entertained and received

with the greatest of kindness. The total membership for the district as at December 27, 1925, was 908, being an increase of 34 over the preceding year. On the whole the lodges are in a good healthy condition, a good fraternal spirit exists, and progress is being made. I have been particularly impressed with the work of the Secretaries in the district. Without an exception, they are all very proficient brethren; their work is of the highest order and I wish to take this opportunity of complimenting them. In three of the lodges I found that the historical register was not written up to date, but in each case, I was assured that they would be completed before the expiry of my term of office. All the lodges in the district are in a good condition financially, and \$402.63 was expended for relief during the year.

DISTRICT MEETING

The Annual District Meeting was held at Lacombe, on Wednesday, October 21, 1925. There were one hundred and twenty-five members present, every lodge being represented save two. It was a very successful and inspiring meeting and I wish to take this opportunity of tendering my sincere thanks to the officers and members of Eureka Lodge for their untiring efforts and interest in looking after the arrangements. Living at a distance it was impossible for me to look after these arrangements, as I would like to have done, but certainly nothing was lacking and the Lacombe brethren deserve every commendation.

Lodge was opened at 2.30 p.m. by the officers of Kitchener Lodge, No. 95, Rimbey, after which the Grand Lodge officers were received in due form with the customary honors. Bro. Perry W. Pratt, Mayor of Lacombe, welcomed the visiting brethren to the meeting and to the town in a very kindly manner. The Fellow Craft degree was exemplified by the officers of Britannia Lodge, No. 18, Ponoka, in a very efficient manner. They were complimented for their work by the Grand Lodge Officers, after which questions were asked by the brethren and answered by the acting Custodian of the Work, M.W. Bro. Carruthers. Following this, a very interesting and inspiring address was delivered by Bro. Jos. B. Francis of Ponoka, on "The Spirit of Masonry."

After enjoying a splendid supper served by the ladies of the O.E.S. in the United Church Club Rooms, and after the usual toasts had been honored, a short resume of the work of each lodge was given by the W.M. or other representative present. An excellent address was also given by M.W. Bro. Taylor, after which there were several songs and instrumental numbers.

The evening session convened at 8.30, being opened by the officers of King Hiram Lodge, No. 21. Addresses were then given by M.W. Bro. Carruthers, Grand Master, and by R.W. Bro. T. F. English of Calgary, Deputy Grand Master. A Past D.D.G.M. jewel was presented to the retiring D.D.G.M. R.W. Bro. Stevenson of Red Deer, on behalf of the district by the M.W. the Grand Master, and suitably acknowledged by R.W. Bro. Stevenson. V.W. Bro. W. H. Jackson of Innisfail Lodge, No. 8, was elected as the next D.D.G.M. and Innisfail was selected as the place of the next district meeting.

KITCHENER LODGE, No. 95

Accompanied by W. Bro. N. W. Nelson, I made my first official visit to this lodge on Monday evening, September 28, 1925. I was very cordially received. The attendance was not large owing to the bad condition of

the roads. The routine work was done in an efficient manner. The Secretary, V.W. Bro. Renshaw has his historical register written right up to date, in fact I had the unique experience of having read of my visit recorded that evening. All books are well and neatly kept, the lodge being in good condition financially and otherwise. Their hall which they own is a great credit to their enterprise. It is complete now save painting, which they hope to do this year.

RED DEER LODGE, No. 12

I made my official visit to Red Deer Lodge, No. 12, on Tuesday evening, October 13th, and was greeted by a large attendance. I found the books well kept and properly worded in all instances. The work was conducted by the Master, W. Bro. George Ely, with a snap and precision which appealed to me. Bro. Jos. Nelson Cony, a Fellow Craft was raised to the sublime degree. The ritualistic work of the officers was excellent. Good harmony prevails in this lodge and satisfactory progress is being made. At the conclusion of the lodge meeting, a very pleasant hour was spent around the banquet table.

INNISFAIL LODGE, No. 8

On Thursday evening, October 15th, I visited Innisfail Lodge, No. 8. During the afternoon and for dinner that evening I was entertained by W. Bro. Goddard, who is an excellent host. There was a good attendance at the lodge meeting. I found all the secretary's books in splendid condition. The officers were proficient in their work. Good feeling prevails and at the present time they are contemplating the erection of their own lodge home, which is very commendable. Community singing was enjoyed during the banquet hour.

BRITANNIA LODGE, No. 18

I visited this my own lodge at a regular meeting on Thursday evening, November 5th. The lodge is well officered, the books and records are well kept, the financial condition is good, the members are enthusiastic and an excellent fraternal spirit prevails. Three brethren were raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, making in all a very busy evening.

CROSSFIELD LODGE, No. 48

I paid my official visit to Crossfield Lodge on Tuesday, November 24th, and was entertained by W. Bro. Scholefield. The books and records are well kept, and the general condition of the lodge is a credit to the Master and his officers. The financial condition of this lodge is also very good indeed. There was no degree work, but the annual election of officers was carried out in a very businesslike and efficient manner. There was a good attendance, and the social hour after was very enjoyable.

EUREKA LODGE, No. 10

On Wednesday, December 9th, at an emergent meeting, I made my official visit to Eureka Lodge, Lacombe, accompanied by Bro. J. B. Francis. The third degree was conferred on Bros. Whitecotton and McLeod by W. Bro. Myles and his officers in a very impressive manner. There was a large attendance. This is the home lodge of the M.W. our Grand Master, and they are therefore well superintended. A good Masonic

spirit prevails, and the lodge is in a good healthy condition. Their new furniture and piano are a great credit to their enterprise. The Secretary, W. Bro. Jesse Fraser, has his books in excellent order.

KING HIRAM LODGE, No. 21

I visited King Hiram Lodge, Didsbury, on Tuesday evening, February 23, 1926. I was entertained during the afternoon at dinner by R.W. Bro. Brusso. The books and records of this lodge are well and neatly kept. The fraternal and financial conditions are also very good. The second degree was conferred by two brethren, the work being done in a very smooth and creditable manner. This lodge is doing good work and a good fraternal spirit prevails. The social hour was very much enjoyed by all.

CARSTAIRS LODGE, No. 20

I paid my official visit to Carstairs Lodge on Thursday evening, February 25th. There were about twenty-five brethren who came down for the meeting from Didsbury, making in all a large turnout. The lodge books and records are well and neatly kept. Bro. Courtney F. Amm was passed to the Fellow Craft degree, the ritualistic work being very well done. The historical register is written up to date. Good harmony prevails and the lodge is making good progress.

MOUNTAIN VIEW LODGE, No. 16

Accompanied by M.W. Bro. Carruthers, Grand Master, I made my official visit to Mountain View Lodge at Olds, on Friday evening, February 26th. During the day which I spent there I was royally entertained by W. Bro. Craig, the W.M. of the lodge. During the afternoon we visited the Woods Home. The work done in this Home was a revelation to me. It is commendable and worthy of the interest and support of all Protestant citizens of this province. I found the lodge books and records well kept by the secretary, W. Bro. Paul. Bro. Alvin Webb, a Fellow Craft, was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. The work was well done by all the officers. An excellent address was delivered by the Grand Master giving a resume of the district meetings which he had attended. The social hour was very enjoyable.

BOWDEN LODGE, No. 42

I made my official visit to Bowden Lodge on Tuesday evening, April 27th. There was a very good attendance, and while not a lodge of large membership, yet it is in a healthy condition. I found all books well and neatly kept by the secretary, W. Bro. Boyd. The second degree was conferred in a very efficient manner. The work of the Senior Deacon was ably performed by R.W. Bro. Brewster, an old veteran who has never lost his interest in Masonry. W. Bro. Ross is serving his second term as W.M. A good feeling prevails at the present time.

KENILWORTH LODGE, No. 29

My last visit of the year was made to Kenilworth Lodge, Red Deer, on Tuesday evening, May 4th. I was accompanied by the M.W. the Grand Master and Bro. J. B. Francis. There was a large attendance of members and visitors. The Secretary, Bro. Pamel, has his books and records

in good condition. This meeting was very interesting being Past Master's night. It was presided over by M.W. Bro. Botterill, acting as W.M. There was no degree work, but the routine business was done in a very prompt and efficient manner. It is very noticable and commendable that such good fraternal feeling exists between the brethren and lodges of this city, they being the two largest in point of numbers of all the lodges in this district. The Grand Master delivered a masterful address, which was very interesting and the social part afterwards was very pleasant.

In conclusion, I wish to take this opportunity of thanking the brethren of this district for the honor conferred upon me in electing me as D.D.G.M. for 1925-26, at the Red Deer District Meeting. I also wish to tender my sincere thanks for the kindnesses and courtesies extended to me during my term of office, and for the cordial welcome I received on the occasion of all my visitations. I also wish to thank V.W. Bro. Jackson of Innisfail for his kindness and untiring efforts in acting as District Secretary during my term and to wish him every success in his new office as the D.D.G.M. of this district. I also wish to tender my sincere thanks to M.W. Bro. Carruthers for his ever ready assistance and advice, also for the visitations which he made with me during the year. There were no unpleasant features at all during my term, and the work was a great pleasure to me.

Fraternally submitted,

GEO. E. BOWKER,

D.D.G.M., District No. 4.

FIFTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Camrose, May 29, 1926.

To the M.W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit herewith my report as D.D.G.M. of the Fifth Masonic District for the year 1925-1926.

During my term of office it has been my pleasure to visit each lodge in the district at least once. Following are the dates of my official visits:

July	29, 1925	—Tuscan Lodge, No. 43, Killam.
August	19, 1925	—Provost Lodge, No. 61, Provost
August	31, 1925	—Harmony Lodge, No. 75, Sedgewick.
Sept.	2, 1925	—Alliance Lodge, No. 135, Alliance.
Sept.	7, 1925	—Melrose Lodge, No. 139, Daysland.
Sept.	17, 1925	—Wetaskiwin Lodge, No. 15, Wetaskiwin.
Sept.	28, 1925	—Efficiency Lodge, U.D., Hughenden
Oct.	1, 1925	—Morning Star Lodge, No. 79, Loughheed
Oct.	7, 1925	—Forestburg Lodge, No. 128, Forestburg.
Oct.	14, 1925	—Comet Lodge, No. 50, Hardisty.
Oct.	15, 1925	—Coal Lodge, No. 62, Bawlf.
Dec.	28, 1925	—Camrose Lodge, No. 37, Camrose.
May	5, 1926	—Tuscan Lodge, No. 43, Killam.
May	13, 1926	—Camrose Lodge, No. 37, Camrose.
May	27, 1926	—Excelsior Lodge, No. 80, Strome.

In fulfilling the duties of this office within the district, it has been necessary for me to travel over two thousand miles.

In most of the lodges I saw degrees conferred and in almost every case I found strict adherence to the best usages. The degree work was invariably well exemplified and it seemed to me that the officers were doing the best that could be done under the various handicaps incident to small membership and quarters which were not particularly designed for Masonic use. The smallness of membership is in many cases counteracted by the zeal manifested by the brethren and by the assistance and advice of the older members and Past Masters. I may say that the officers were well informed with regard to the ritual but in not a few cases I found lacking a desirable familiarity with the constitution.

The books of the various lodges were in good condition and the financial records had been carefully checked by auditors. There still remain a number of lodges in which the historical register has not been brought up to date. When this matter is not taken care of at the proper time a hardship is worked upon those to come later. It is only fair that a suitable record be kept for the information of those who will be members of the lodges in the more or less distant future.

During the year there has been a considerable increase in membership in the district and I feel that the lodges are exercising proper care in their choice of members. Yet there has also been a number of suspensions for non-payment of dues. I have observed that those suspended are usually those who have moved from their own jurisdiction and have neglected to affiliate with a lodge in their new homes. It is my opinion that many of these suspensions could be avoided and many good men kept within the Fraternity if all brethren were urged to take out their dimitts and affiliate as soon as they had established themselves in their new places of residence.

My first duty on assuming office was to assist R.W. Bro. Mitchell, Junior Grand Warden, at the ceremony of constituting Melrose Lodge, No. 139, Daysland, on June 26, 1925. Brethren from many lodges in the surrounding district were present and an enjoyable time was had in spite of the lateness of the hour at which the proceedings started. Past Grand Lodge officers present were R.W. Bros. Caldwell, Douglas, McKee, Nichol and Ross.

The following week I assisted R.W. Bro. G. F. Auxier at the constitution of Alliance Lodge, No. 135, Alliance, on July 3, R.W. Bro. Downey of District No. 12 gave valuable assistance. Other Past Grand Lodge officers present were, R.W. Bros. Dickson and Nichol.

These two lodges are well officered and will, I think, give good accounts of themselves in the future.

The Annual District Meeting was held at Camrose, on October 19, with M.W. Bros. Carruthers and Taylor in attendance. Provost was the only lodge in the district unrepresented by officers or proxy. One hundred and twenty brethren signed the register. Lodge was opened at 2.30 p.m. by the officers of Camrose Lodge, No. 37, Camrose. When the Grand Lodge Officers had been received, R.W. Bro. John Douglas, Mayor of Camrose, welcomed the brethren and conveyed greetings from M.W. Bro. J. Watson Younge, a member of Camrose Lodge who was unable to be present, on account of residing in Ontario. Alliance Lodge, No. 135, Alliance, exemplified the F.C. degree which was followed by considerable enlightening discussion. M.W. Bro. Taylor gave an interesting address on "Lessons from the F.C. Degree." R.W. Bro. Manley addressed the brethren on "The York Rite" after which reports from the several lodges were heard. A most excellent banquet provided by Temple Chapter, No

49, O.E.S., was partaken of, after which we were delighted with addresses from the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary. After the return to the place of meeting, other addresses and reports were heard and the brethren proceeded to the election of the D.D.G.M. for the year 1926-1927 when W. Bro. J. R. Adams of Morning Star Lodge, No. 79, Loughheed, was elected. Lodge was closed in harmony at 11.00 p.m. by the officers of Melrose Lodge, No. 139, Daysland.

I visited Efficiency Lodge, U.D., at Hughenden, on September 2, and saw the second degree exemplified. This lodge is in good hands, their officers have been well chosen and enthusiasm is shown by the members. In recommending that a Charter be issued to this lodge, I feel that I am doing only that which is deserved and that this lodge will be a credit to the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

I had the pleasure, M.W. Sir, of accompanying you on your visits to Tuscan Lodge, No. 43, on July 29, 1925, and to Camrose Lodge, No. 37, on May 13, 1925. Both these meetings will long be remembered by those brethren fortunate enough to be present to meet the Grand Master and to hear his address.

On my visit to Wetaskiwin Lodge, No. 15, Wetaskiwin, I was very glad to see work exemplified by Strathcona Lodge, No. 77, Edmonton. This lodge was accompanied by many distinguished members of the Fraternity, on its friendly visit to Wetaskiwin. I believe that more such visits would tend to promote an even greater spirit of friendliness than that prevalent between the various lodges at the present time.

I hand you herewith the statistical report of the lodges in this district. I note that there are some differences of opinion among the secretaries as to the exact interpretation of certain items of information asked for in the report. This leads to inaccuracy and unreliability in the form of the report as would enable the Grand Lodge office to get information which could be relied upon.

In conclusion, I may say that I believe Masonry in the Fifth Masonic District to be in a flourishing condition. The welfare of the individual lodges is in good hands and we can rest assured of steady progress. I wish to thank all those brethren who so kindly accompanied me on my various trips, the various lodges for the cordiality of treatment accorded me in the discharge of my official duties, and the brethren of the Fifth Masonic District for the honor they conferred upon me when they elected me their District Deputy Grand Master.

Fraternally submitted,

C. H. ROBINSON,
D.D.G.M., District No. 5.

SIXTH MASONIC DISTRICT

High River, May 14, 1926.

To the M.W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration my report for the past year as your Deputy in District No. 6.

I visited all the lodges in the district and witnessed degree work in all but one. The lodges are fairly active although only a small increase in numbers is shown by the statistical report. While it is known that a large part of the decrease is due to natural causes, such as death and the moving about of the brethren, a goodly portion is due to suspensions for non-payment of dues and I fear in too many cases members are lost to the Order for good. This is very regrettable and in many cases due more to a lack of interest in the Craft than inability to meet their financial obligations. This condition furnishes considerable food for thought. In some cases the responsibility is the lodge's which it assumed too lightly at the ballot, while in others the brother has expected too much and was unwilling to shoulder his share of the load.

The outstanding dues for the district average \$2.53 per member over the total membership. Figures for the separate lodges in the district in this regard as well as attendance are as follows:

	Average Attendance	Average arrears of dues per member over total member- ship
No. 17, Nanton, Nanton	21 per cent	\$3.00
No. 19, Cornerstone, High River.....	20 per cent	3.45
No. 22, Corinthian, Okotoks	27 per cent	2.92
No. 32, Cairo, Claresholm	37½ per cent	1.08
No. 33, Stavelly, Stavelly	27 per cent	.75
No. 40, Joppa, Granum	37 per cent	2.85

DISTRICT MEETING

The Annual District Meeting was held in High River on the 2nd of November, Grand Lodge being represented by the M.W. the Grand Master, the Grand Secretary and other Grand Lodge Officers. The same general program as had been carried out in previous years was followed. Corinthian Lodge, No. 22, exemplified the Fellow Craft degree in the afternoon in a very impressive manner and received the congratulations of the Custodian of the Canadian Rite Work. The evening session was devoted to addresses by the M.W. the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary, both of which were very inspiring and much appreciated by the brethren. These district meetings have fully demonstrated their worth and much to the satisfaction of the Craft have become a fixed event in the Alberta Masonic Calendar. The attendance was very satisfactory at both the afternoon and evening sessions.

CORINTHIAN LODGE, No. 22

I made my first official visit to Corinthian Lodge, No. 22, on Tuesday evening, November 2nd, when the Fellow Craft degree was conferred on a High River brother in their usual efficient manner. As fraternal visits are frequent between Corinthian and Cornerstone Lodges, I had only to mention the intended visit to obtain the company of several High River brethren on this occasion.

CORNERSTONE LODGE, No. 19

I visited Cornerstone Lodge, No. 19, on November 19th. There was no degree work but the attendance was good and a pleasing feature of the occasion was the presence of a large number of the Past Masters. The attendance of Past Masters is always appreciated by the Master and his

officers. The evening was largely spent in a social manner. I am a fairly regular attendant of this my home lodge and can vouch that the degree work is well up to standard.

STAVELY LODGE, No. 33

On December 8th, I visited Stavely Lodge, accompanied by several of the High River brethren. There was also present a large number of brethren from Cairo Lodge, Claresholm, on a fraternal visit. The Master Mason degree was conferred in a splendid manner and I am sure the excellence of the work would agreeably surprise many of our city brethren.

CAIRO LODGE, No. 32

I visited Cairo Lodge, No. 32, Claresholm, on February 23rd and saw the Master Mason degree conferred. The average attendance of Cairo Lodge is the highest in the district. Both on this occasion and that of my visit to Stavely Lodge we were favored with a splendid address from R.W. Bro. Haslam.

NANTON LODGE, No. 17

I visited Nanton Lodge, No. 17, on April 16th and saw the Fellow Craft degree conferred. This lodge has a very enthusiastic Master who is doing good work but deserves better support from his subordinate officers. No Master can do full justice to his lodge without the whole-hearted support of the officers and brethren. The average attendance is very satisfactory. The Secretary is inexperienced but the books appear very neat and are well kept.

JOPPA LODGE, No. 40

I visited Joppa Lodge, on April 22nd. There was no degree work. A very enjoyable and I trust profitable evening was nevertheless spent with the brethren. The average attendance is very good.

All the lodges in the district are in very good financial condition and three of them own their lodge quarters. The historical records are well up to date. I have made it a point on each visit to emphasize the importance of a lodge library and am pleased to report that all the lodges in the district have some books and most of them have made recent purchases through the office of the Grand Secretary from the list recommended by Grand Lodge.

In conclusion, M.W. Sir, I wish to thank the brethren of District No. 6 for the high honor they conferred on me and for the many kindnesses I have received at their hands and for the courteous, hospitable and charitable manner in which they have received me as your representative.

Fraternally submitted,

J. F. CASTEEL,
D.D.G.M., District No. 6.

SEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Lethbridge, June 8, 1926.

To the M.W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit herewith, for your consideration, my report on the condition of Masonry in the Seventh Masonic District for the year 1925-1926.

Let me first express my appreciation and thanks to the brethren of the district for electing me as their District Deputy Grand Master, and also to all who so ably assisted me during the year, more particularly W. Bro. George McLean, Bro. Major Junget, W. Bro. John Gilmore and Bro. Earl Sloan, who so willingly furnished their cars for out of town visits.

It has been my privilege to visit each lodge in the district once officially and I have made numerous visits to the lodges in Lethbridge. The following are brief reports of my several visits:

DISTRICT MEETING

The District Meeting was held in the City of Lethbridge on Monday, October 5, 1925, and was attended by the M.W. the Grand Master, Norman E. Carruthers, M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. T. McNabb, P.G.M., R.W. Bros. Middleton, R. Pearson, N. T. Macleod, F. E. Reagh, and J. D. Higginbotham, and a large representation of the brethren of the different lodges in the district.

The lodge was opened at 2.30 p.m. by the W.M. and officers of Charity Lodge, No. 67, who exemplified the second degree in a most able manner, with valuable criticism and instruction being given by the Custodian of the Work, M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor. There was also a short instructive address by the M.W. the Grand Master. Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment and a reception was held by the M.W. the Grand Master and other Grand Lodge Officers. The evening session was opened at 7.30 by the W.M. and officers of York Lodge, No. 119, when the Grand Secretary answered all questions which had been sent in, in a most able manner. The Grand Master then delivered a most inspiring, impressive and instructive address and was followed by the Grand Secretary and others.

The election of D.D.G.M. then took place for the ensuing year, when W. Bro. John Gilmore of Charity Lodge, No. 67, was elected, and Cardston was selected as the place of the next district meeting. The lodge was closed at 9.30 p.m. by York Lodge, No. 119, in their usual able manner.

We then repaired to the banquet where the balance of the evening was very enjoyably spent with musical selections by the Masonic orchestra, and songs and speeches by the M.W. the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. T. McNabb, R.W. Bros. Pearson and Middleton, W. Bro. Hardie, and others, which brought to a conclusion one of the most successful district meetings held in the district.

JOINT INSTALLATION

Following the usual custom a joint installation was held at Lethbridge on December 28th, when the W.M. and officers of North Star Lodge, No. 4, Lethbridge Lodge, No. 39, Diamond City Lodge, No. 65, Charity Lodge, No. 67, and York Lodge, No. 119, were installed and invested in a most impressive manner by M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, Grand Secretary. After the ceremony of installation, a most interesting and instructive address was delivered by Bros. H. W. Avison, M.A., of Calgary, at the conclusion of which the lodge was closed by Lethbridge Lodge, No. 39. The usual banquet then followed with R.W. Bro. R. Pearson acting as toastmaster in his usual happy manner when speeches were given by M.W. Bros. T. McNabb and S. Y. Taylor, R.W. Bro. Middleton, also W. Bro. Mayor W. D. L. Hardie and others.

YORK LODGE, No. 119

My first official visit was paid to York Lodge, No. 119, accompanied by R.W. Bro. F. E. Reagh, on January 19th, when the second degree was conferred in a splendid manner. W. Bro. George McLean and his officers are to be highly complimented on their general efficiency. This lodge is to be congratulated on having a splendid secretary, Bro. T. H. Edmunds, whose books are well kept and historical register up to date.

LETHBRIDGE LODGE, No. 39

On March 4, 1926, I paid my official visit to my home lodge, Lethbridge Lodge, No. 39, when the second degree was conferred on three candidates in a most efficient manner with the W.M. W. Bro. F. H. Wilkins, presiding. The W.M. and his officers are to be commended on the high standard of their work. The Secretary, W. Bro. E. J. Rossiter has the books in splendid shape and the historical registered up to date.

CHIEF MOUNTAIN LODGE, No. 58

On April 9th, I visited Chief Mountain Lodge, No. 58, at Cardston, accompanied by W. Bros. Sang, McLean, Wilkins and Bro. J. H. Smith. The third degree was conferred in an able manner. The work of the W.M. is to be commended. The books are in good shape but the historical register is not up to date. However, this will be attended to in the near future. R.W. Bro. Middleton being a member of this lodge, was in attendance and will no doubt be of great assistance in helping out the work of the lodge.

NORTH STAR LODGE, No. 4

On April 12th I paid my official visit to North Star Lodge, No. 4. The W.M. and officers are maintaining the good reputation that this, the oldest lodge in the district, always has been noted for. The Secretary has the books in good shape but the historical register is not up to date, but is being attended to. There was no degree work at this meeting but I have seen several degrees put on very efficiently during the year.

WARNER LODGE, No. 100

On April 22nd, accompanied by Bros. Sloan, Macleod, J. H. Smith and P. Smith, I visited Warner Lodge, when the second degree was conferred in an able manner with W. Bro. J. Luker, P.M., presiding during the degree. Owing to the Secretary being away for some months, the books are not up to date, which also applies to the historical register; but I have the assurance that these will be attended to without delay.

DORIC LODGE, No. 31

On April 27th, I motored to Taber in the company of W. Bro. Sang and Bros. C. Junget, R. Nimmons, and P. Smith to visit the above lodge. The second degree was conferred in good style with W. Bro. E. V. Rose, P.M., in the chair, owing to the W.M. being out of town. This was an unexpected visit and the lodge is to be congratulated on the good turnout of Past Masters and members, and also on the excellent spirit prevailing. Special mention might be made of the work of the Secretary, Bro. Thomas, whose records are well kept.

CHARITY LODGE, No. 67

On May 11th, I paid my official visit to this lodge, together with W. Bros. Lingard, McLean, Wilkins, Martin and others in attendance. The third degree was conferred in an able manner by W. Bro. Hawkins and his officers. The records and the historical register are up to date and well kept. The notice of this meeting read "Scotch Night," and I found after closing that the refreshments and program were in charge of members from the "Land of Heather," who put on an excellent repast and songs, trios, duets, recitations, etc., all of Scottish origin, assisted by three Englishmen, thus showing the brotherly spirit which prevails.

FOREMOST LODGE, No. 103

MANYBERRIES LODGE, No. 133

After several attempts to visit Manyberries Lodge, I finally made arrangements by telephone with the Acting W.M. to pay my official visit on June 1st, but on account of the Secretary living at Orion, the notices had been sent out for the regular meeting to be held on June 2nd, which was the same date as the Foremost meeting, and as I had arranged to visit them at this meeting I was somewhat at a loss as to what I should do. However, W. Bro. Gilmore, D.D.G.M. elect, very kindly made arrangements to motor down and we left on June 1st and arrived in Foremost, when it was thought possible by the W.M. of Foremost Lodge, No. 103 that he could open up his lodge and get the members to pay a fraternal visit to Manyberries, but which was afterwards found impossible owing to so many of the officers living so far out of town and being so busy at that time. I therefore had the very novel experience of paying two official visits on the same day, more particularly as the lodges are forty-eight miles apart.

FOREMOST LODGE, No. 103

Foremost Lodge was opened promptly on time on June 2nd, when I paid my official visit. I found that the W.M. and officers have their work well in hand and was sorry not to be able to see the first degree which was to be conferred on this occasion. The lodge is to be congratulated on carrying on under difficulties and also for the excellent spirit in which the members are working to make Masonry a force in the community. The Secretary has the books up to date and well kept and the historical register is being attended to. At 9.00 p.m. I left in company with W. Bro. Gilmore for Manyberries, arriving at that point at 10.30.

MANYBERRIES LODGE, No. 133

At 10.30 p.m. June 2nd, I paid my official visit to the above lodge and was in time to see the balance of the third degree conferred in an able manner. W. Bro. J. A. Flath, I.P.M., was in the chair and is to be commended for the work he is doing in carrying on in the absence of the W.M., W. Bro. Saunders, who has been moved to Kimberley. The Secretary has his books in first class condition and historical register up to date. This lodge is to be congratulated on carrying on under adverse circumstances through losing so many members on account of the recent poor crops in the district.

I must express my appreciation of the services of Bro. C. Junget who acted as District Secretary and gave assistance together with the W.M.'s officers and committees of the Lethbridge lodges to make the District

Meeting and joint Installation a success. The financial standing of all the lodges in District No. 7 is in a healthy condition and Masonry is progressing in the right direction.

The matter of lodge libraries was brought to the attention of all the lodges and in most cases additions are being made and I am glad to report that the seed sown by the Grand Master and Grand Secretary is bearing fruit.

In conclusion, I wish to express my sincere thanks to the officers and members of the various lodges of this district for their kind and hearty co-operation during my term of office. I have received kindly assistance and fraternal courtesy at all times.

Fraternally submitted,

J. EDGAR RANNARD,
D.D.G.M., District No. 7.

EIGHTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Lundbreck, April 29, 1926.

To the M.W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother:

The time has come after my term of service to give an account of my stewardship. Deeply sensitive of the honor conferred upon me, it has ever been my aim to measure up to the standard of your expectations, so that when the end of my term arrived, I could turn back the emblem of authority that was confided to my care, undiminished in lustre.

ALBERTA LODGE, No. 3

On September 16, 1925, I paid a visit to this the oldest lodge in the district. That evening there were conferred three Fellow Craft degrees, the work being done in a creditable manner. I was accompanied on this visit by W. Bro. J. A. Welsh.

On December 16, 1925, accompanied by several brethren from Chinook Lodge, No. 47, among whom were Bros. J. A. Edwards, C. Madden and A. C. Thompson, I made an official visit to Alberta Lodge, No. 3. It was a very pleasant and profitable visit indeed. This was election of officers night. The election went off very harmoniously. There was a very good attendance and it was an esteemed pleasure to again meet among others, M.W. Bro. Robert Patterson.

This lodge has suffered by the loss of R.W. Bro. Murison, he having been removed to the great lodge above. He will be greatly missed as I understand he was a real pillar of strength to the lodge.

The finances of this Lodge are in excellent shape, their arrears of dues being the lowest in the district. The records are well kept and up to date. I am satisfied that the officers are perfectly competent to handle the work in each of the three degrees. A cordial spirit prevails among the brethren.

SPITZIE LODGE, No. 6

My second visit was to Spitzie Lodge, on August 4th. The first degree was exemplified during the evening.

My official visit was made to this lodge on December 1st, and I felt honored in being introduced to the lodge by W. Bro. John Herron, the first Master of Spitzie Lodge. This evening the M.M. degree was exemplified, the first part of the work being put on by W. Bro. Dr. Geering, the second part by the W.M., W. Bro. Varley. The whole of the work was put on in a very creditable manner, all of the officers having their particular parts well in hand. The records of this lodge are up to date. Bro. Purkis, the Secretary, has everything in good shape. Harmony prevails and the lodge generally speaking is in a healthy thriving condition.

SENTINEL LODGE, No. 26

On July 29, 1925, I made my first visit to this lodge. There was no degree work on this evening, but I made use of the opportunity to advise the brethren of the date of the District Meeting.

I again made an official visit to this lodge on February 24, 1926. On this occasion quite a large number of brethren from Chinook Lodge, No. 47 accompanied me. Also several cars came over from Blairmore bringing quite a number of brethren from Rocky Mountain Lodge, No. 36. There was no work on this evening, but from the manner in which the officers conducted the proceedings, I am satisfied as to their efficiency in conferring the three degrees. The records of the lodge are up to date and well kept and the affairs generally are in a healthy condition. This is the home of R.W. Bro. Geo. Cruickshank, Senior Grand Warden. Sentinel Lodge is quite fortunate in having such an eminent brother a member of the lodge, who is always available should they need counsel or advice.

SUMMIT LODGE, No. 30

On August 6th, I visited Summit Lodge, No. 30. The Fellow Craft degree was exemplified this evening. Among the brethren in attendance was V.W. Bro. (Rev.) D. K. Allan, Past Grand Chaplain, who can always be depended upon to lend his valuable assistance to the general welfare of the Craft.

On April 1, 1926, I made an official visit to Summit Lodge. Several members of Chinook Lodge accompanied me on this visit, among others R.W. Bro. H. A. Gunn and R.W. Bro. M. A. Murphy. There was also present a good representation from Sentinel and Rocky Mountain Lodges. R.W. Bro. Alex. Cameron, a Mason of many years standing, introduced me to the lodge this evening. R.W. Bro. Cameron had on the previous evening been presented with a Life Membership. There was a very good attendance this evening. The M.M. degree was conferred by W. Bro. Hall, assisted by W. Bro. Cooke. The work was put on with a smoothness and impressiveness that would be difficult to excel. The way in which the candidate went through his examination was very creditable indeed, both to himself and to the brother who coached him. I feel that I should make special mention of the fact that for so many years the late R.W. Bro. W. L. Ouimette was Secretary, and it is evident that not only the members of Summit Lodge, but the whole of District No. 8 as well, were guided by his ever wise counsel.

The finances of the lodge are in fair condition, suffering somewhat from disbursements expended upon the funeral of a non-affiliated brother. Should this lodge be successful in being re-imbursed from the parent lodge of this deceased brother, Minto Lodge, No. 385, Lochgelly, Fifeshire, Scotland, it will materially assist the finances. The records of the lodge were found to be in order and very well kept by Bro. L. Lindoe. Speaking generally, I would say the prospects for this lodge are very good.

CHINOOK LODGE, No. 47

This is my home lodge, which I attended regularly during the year. I made an official visit on November 30, 1925. There was no work on this night, but the attendance was very good. The officers are quite efficient and can confer the three degrees in a very creditable manner indeed. The records of the lodge are up to date and are well kept by the Secretary, R.W. Bro. M. A. Murphy. The outlook for the coming year is quite bright.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN LODGE, No. 86

On September 14, 1925, I visited this lodge. There was no degree work but the members and officers were very busy with the important duty of passing a new set of By-laws.

My official visit was made to this lodge on March 8, 1926. On this occasion a large number of brethren from Chinook Lodge accompanied me. There were also in attendance that evening quite a number of brethren from Coleman. This lodge had quite a full evening's program, a first degree lecture being delivered in a most impressive manner by R. W. Bro. Kerr. There was conferred a Fellowcraft degree, W. Bro. H. Pinkney being in the Master's chair. It was gratifying to witness the officers put on the work in such an excellent manner. The affairs of the lodge are in capable hands and the officers and members are doing very well in keeping up the interest in lodge work. R. W. Bro. G. A. Passmore is a member of this lodge and can always be relied upon to put his shoulder to the wheel when need be. The records are well kept and up to date. The historical register is in loose leaf form and written up to date.

DISTRICT MEETING

The district meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, Pincher Creek, on Wednesday, October 7, 1925, and in spite of very poor roads due to rains, over one hundred and fifty Masons were present.

The lodge was opened by the officers of Spitzie Lodge, No. 6. After the Grand Lodge Officers were introduced and received with the customary honors, the F.C. degree was exemplified in the Canadian Rite by the officers of Chinook Lodge No. 47. A very interesting address was then delivered by V. W. Bro. W. J. Merrick on "The Relation of Freemasonry to Religion." Quite a number of questions were asked and M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor gave very full and detailed answers. The lodge was addressed by the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Norman E. Carruthers, who dealt at length on the condition of Masonry in the Province, making particular reference to the large amount of arrears of dues, amounting to some \$36,000. The Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, delivered a most interesting address, dealing particularly with the subject of Masonic libraries. Regalia was presented to Immediate Past D.D.G.M. G. A. Passmore, by M.W. Bro. Norman E. Carruthers. The ballot for the office of D.D.G.M. for the year 1926-1927 resulted in the election of

W. Bro. Robert Crichton, of Sentinel Lodge, No. 26. Coleman was selected as the place of meeting for 1926.

The lodge was closed by the officers of Sentinel Lodge, No. 26. A splendid banquet and program was held in the banquet hall of Spitzie Lodge, No. 6, following the closing of the lodge, the banquet being served by the ladies of the Eastern Star of Pincher Creek. The time honored toast of the King and Craft was proposed by R.W. Bro. D. Thompson and was responded to by the Grand Master, the Grand Secretary, Senior Grand Warden and Grand Chaplain. The speaker of the evening R.W. Bro. Rev. Dr. Geo. W. Kerby, of Calgary, gave a very inspiring address, taking as his topic the Masonic quest. This is the quest of truth and the speaker emphasized the great importance of finding it. "When this is done," said Dr. Kerby, "then only will perfect good will and brotherhood among men be found."

LAYING OF CORNER-STONE

On June 24, 1925, an epoch in the history of Masonry took place when the corner-stone of the first church edifice in the United Church of Canada was laid by the Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M., of Alberta. This impressive ceremony was performed at Pincher Creek, the home of Spitzie Lodge, No. 6. Every lodge in District No. 8 was largely represented. The day was beautiful and the citizens turned out en masse to witness this unique ceremony.

The oration on this historic occasion was delivered by M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, Grand Secretary, who after laying the corner-stone, dealt in a masterly manner with the great traditions of Masonry, tracing from the actual building of the great cathedrals of Europe in the early days to the laying of this corner-stone.

INTER-PROVINCIAL VISIT

At the invitation of some of the members of Elk River Lodge, Fernie, B.C., I had the pleasure of visiting that lodge officially on the evening of December 4, 1925. Accompanying me on that occasion were the Senior Grand Warden, R.W. Bro. Geo. Cruickshank, R.W. Bro. G. A. Passmore and about fifty brethren from District No. 8. We motored over during the afternoon and returned the next morning. We were received in a most cordial and hospitable manner. Following the reception and introduction in the lodge, we were the guests at a most sumptuous banquet. The Toastmaster was Past Grand Master Dr. Corson, of the Grand Lodge of B.C. The banquet finished, music, song and toasts of a Masonic character followed. The Toast of Grand Lodge of Alberta was proposed by R.W. Bro. Walker, of Fernie, and responded to by R.W. Bro. Geo. Cruickshank and myself.

This inter-provincial visit is an occasion which I feel will be long remembered by members of the Craft in both provinces and may be the forerunner of many similar inter-provincial visits.

Now in conclusion M.W. Sir, may I express my sincere thanks for the honor conferred upon me for the courtesy and hospitality which the brethren have never failed to extend to me during my year of office and it is with mixed feelings of relief and regret that I close this report; relief knowing my responsibilities are over; regret that I have fallen short of my expectation.

Fraternally submitted,

ARTHUR M. DENSMORE,
D.D.G.M., District No. 8.

NINTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Clive, May 29, 1926

To the M.W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit my annual report as D.D.G.M. for the Ninth Masonic District, for the year 1925-1926.

It was my privilege to pay one official visit to each of the eight lodges comprising this district, and I have pleasure in reporting that a healthy Masonic spirit prevails throughout the whole district. The lodge books and records are well kept, but I regret that some of the older lodges have not yet completed their historical registers.

The Annual District Meeting was held in the Town of Stettler, on Monday, October 26th. The M.W. the Grand Master, the Grand Secretary, and M.W. Bro. Connacher, Custodian of the York Rite, and a large attendance of brethren were present. All the lodges in the district but one were represented. The Fellowcraft degree York Rite, was exemplified by the officers of Ionic Lodge, No. 43, Alix, and were complimented by the Custodian of the Rite on their proficiency. M.W. Bro. Connacher also answered several questions and gave explanations of York Rite Work. M.W. Bro. Taylor, answered questions on the Canadian Work, and between sessions explained to the Past Masters present the Past Master's Degree.

V.W. Bro. John R. Mackie, of Ionic Lodge, No. 45, was elected D.D.G.M. for the coming year and the place of the next annual meeting was left to his discretion, subject to the approval of the Grand Master.

M.W. Bro. Carruthers, M.W. Bro. Taylor and M.W. Bro. Connacher gave instructive addresses both at the evening session and banquet.

APOLLO LODGE, No. 27

I visited this lodge on March 1st, and had the pleasure of witnessing two candidates being raised to the degree of a Master Mason, by W. Bro. Laing and his officers. The work was performed in a very creditable manner and a large number of brethren, including R.W. Bros. McBrine and Bennett were in attendance. The finances of this lodge are in a splendid condition.

IONIC LODGE, No. 45

On February 25th, I visited this lodge, which has always had the reputation for accuracy in its ritualistic work. The M.M. degree was conferred most impressively. W. Bro. Anderson and his officers are to be congratulated in keeping up the high standard. R.W. Bro. Darlow performs his duties as Secretary in an efficient manner. A marked improvement in the lodge finances is reported.

BEAVER LODGE, No. 56

This lodge is in a very flourishing condition. They own their own lodge building and had just completed re-decoration before my visit on March 3rd. The F.C. degree was conferred on two candidates, R.W. Bro.

Auxier acting as W.M. in the absence of the W.M. through illness. W. Bro. Colley deserves special mention for the very excellent manner in which he performs his duties as Secretary.

CORONATION LODGE, No. 72

I attended this lodge on the 22nd of April. A large number of the brethren were present. The lodge is in a satisfactory condition. Short addresses were given by R.W. Bro. F. S. Mitchell, Bro. Armstrong, of Red Deer Lodge, No. 12, and several other brethren.

MONITOR LODGE, No. 120

It meant a two days' trip, each way, for me to reach Monitor by rail; but I was amply repaid by the very cordial reception tendered me by the brethren of Monitor on my official visit on March 25th. The lodge is ably presided over by W. Bro. A. Grace. During the year the lodge has completed its payments on the building, and is making satisfactory progress.

CLIVE LODGE, No. 121

This is my home lodge and I attended all its meetings unless absent visiting other lodges. On the 28th of December, I had the pleasure of installing W. Bro. H. W. Williams as W.M. and investing the other officers. I regret that the lodge has been deprived of so many of its members, through removals. Since the first of the year we have lost the I.P.M., the Secretary, and the Chaplain. The finances of this lodge are satisfactory.

RISING SUN LODGE, No. 122

It was a pleasure for me to have the M.W. the Grand Master pay a visit to this lodge on the occasion of my official visit on April 21st, and the brethren much appreciated his instructive address. The E.A. degree was exemplified in a very efficient manner. A large number of visiting brethren were present.

BIG VALLEY LODGE, No. 140

My first visit to this lodge was on July 23rd, when I accompanied M.W. Bro. Carruthers and several Grand Lodge officers and assisted in the constitution and consecration of this lodge. A large number of brethren from other lodges in this district were present. On March 3rd, I paid my visit to this lodge and was pleased to notice the progress it had made. W. Bro. Carl and his officers are very enthusiastic and the work is quite up to the standard set by the older lodges in the district. I predict a very bright future for this lodge.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the brethren for the very cordial reception given to your representative on all occasions, and the kindly manner in which they have received his criticisms.

Faternally submitted,

FRED J. S. SISSONS,
D.D.G.M., District No. 9.

TENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Edmonton, May 12, 1926.

To the M.W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother:

I have the honor of submitting herewith my report on the condition of Masonry in the Tenth Masonic District for the year 1925-26.

I fully appreciated the honor of being elected D.D.G.M. at the District Meeting held in October, 1924, and I take this opportunity of thanking the brethren for the great honor conferred upon me. If on visiting the lodges in this district I have been able to convey to the brethren some of my ideas and ideals of Masonry I want to say how much I thank them for the greater and broader vision of the working of our Ancient Craft I have gained through my visits.

At the outset of my election I made up my mind to strike out in a different direction to the ordinary in addressing the brethren on my official visits, and in consequence the main part of each address was on the subject of Spiritual Masonry. I pointed out that our charges and ritual are full of the beauty, goodness and wisdom of the Divine Creator, and that the teachings contained in the volume of the Sacred Law are the foundation of Masonry and are meant to enlarge the candidate's education in this regard and cause him to strive for a greater spiritual knowledge of himself. After my first few official visits, I was satisfied that my choice of subject for the address was correct, for I was highly gratified with the way my views were received, and I was very grateful for the thanks extended to me by the brethren. While as an organization, we have times set aside for Festivals, yet our real work is serious work, and intended by illustration to give our candidates who come from all walks in life a greater conception of the wonderful works of the Almighty. Further, I pointed out for the brethren to meditate upon the value of prayer and its relation to our Masonic work. In my opinion we do not emphasize this point of our teaching enough, for by the great power of prayer we are drawn nearer to God and receive light in forgetting self and serving others. My warmest thanks are here recorded to the brethren in this district for the kindness extended to me and also for the great consideration I received from the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Norman Carruthers, and the Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor.

On the whole, I have found the condition of Masonry in District No. 10 in excellent order, except that the question of members in arrears should be finally dealt with and that the historical register should be brought up to date. At each lodge visited, I brought up the question of a library, and from now on I hope to see an increased interest in this excellent work.

DISTRICT MEETING

A District Meeting was called for at Fort Saskatchewan on the 23rd of October, 1925, but the weather turned out so bad, especially for that time of the year, the roads being in a terrible condition owing to the heavy rain, that the Grand Master, the Grand Secretary and myself were unable to reach Fort Saskatchewan. However, a great many brethren having arrived by train from the East, a meeting was held under the chairmanship of R.W. Bro. G. F. McGregor, and an election took place for D.D.G.M. for the ensuing year when V.W. Bro. G. A. Stewart was elected. Subsequently the minutes, with explanation of the circumstances,

were forwarded to the Grand Master, when he ordered that for all intents and purposes this meeting should be approved as having been properly held, and that the acts, motions, and election taking place there be ratified as official.

LODGE OF INSTRUCTION

At the request of some of the brethren of Vermilion Lodge, No. 24, and other lodges along that line, the Grand Master was pleased to approve of a Lodge of Instruction being held at Vermilion on Tuesday, January 5, 1926, and as it was not possible for me to again visit in the neighbourhood, I arranged to meet the brethren of Kilwinning Lodge, No. 119, Hope Lodge, No. 38, and Kitscoty Lodge, No. 131, at Vermilion. A splendid program was arranged and the second degree was exemplified at the afternoon session with the Grand Master, Grand Secretary and myself in attendance. At the evening session a most-instructive time was held, many questions being asked by the brethren and answered by the Grand Custodian of the Canadian Rite, M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor. After the lodge was closed, a splendid banquet was served and the brethren of Vermilion Lodge are to be congratulated for the very excellent entertainment placed before us, the memory of which will remain with us for many years.

JOINT MEETING OF CITY LODGES

On Wednesday, January 6, 1926, a joint meeting was held at Norwood Lodge room, of Acacia, No. 11, Empire, No. 63, Norwood, No. 90, and Dominion, No. 117, to receive the Grand Master on an official visit. Many Grand Lodge Officers were present together with a large number of visiting brethren.

The Grand Master's address, the subject being "The Early History of Masonry in Western Canada, particularly Manitoba," was listened to with rapt attention. The brethren passed a hearty vote of thanks to the Grand Master for his instructive lecture, it being felt that to gather such an amount of information must have cost him a great deal of time and research. A happy evening was spent, every one expressing the idea that the calling of the joint meeting of the lodges was warranted.

ACACIA LODGE, No. 11

On November 26, 1925, I made an official visit to this lodge. This is one of our oldest lodges and has now taken on a new lease of life with the attendance very good at all meetings. The M. M. degree was conferred the nearest to perfect I have ever seen, by W. Bro. C. Flavin, and he and his officers are to be congratulated on their painstaking work. I again visited this lodge on the 22nd of April, 1926, when the M. M. degree was exemplified by W. Bro. G. Hazlett in a very commendable manner. The books are in excellent order and the lodge is in a strong financial condition.

VICTORIA LODGE, No. 13

I paid my official visit to this lodge on Tuesday, November 24, 1925, accompanied by V.W. Bro. W. F. W. Carstairs, Grand Registrar, W. Bro. A. Gentle, and Bro. B. Lauer. Victoria Lodge is an old lodge and has a splendid record in Masonry, but owing to the change in the settlement of the country, and the coming of the railroad, they find it hard to keep pace with the times. At the time of my visit, the election of officers took place when all the officers were re-elected. I pointed out to the brethren

that this was not good for the lodge and not fair to the brethren on the side, and that if the officers were not ready with their work, and prepared to go up it was their duty to step down and make way for the others. However, I am satisfied that this state of affairs will not last long and that Victoria Lodge will again take its place as one of the best lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction. The books are well kept and the finances of the lodge are in good shape.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 25

My official visit to this lodge was made on January 4, 1926, when no degree work was before the brethren. I was, however, much impressed with the efficient way in which the business was transacted and spent a very happy time with the brethren. The affairs of the lodge are in good hands.

EMPIRE LODGE, No. 63

I paid a visit to this lodge on Monday, October 19, 1925, and as this was a regular meeting no degree work was put on, but the opening and closing was done in a very efficient manner. I had deep pleasure in visiting this lodge as I was the first secretary and also filled the Junior and Senior Warden's chairs, 1915 and 1916. I take this opportunity of thanking the brethren for the very warm welcome given me.

I again visited the lodge on the 5th of April, 1926, when the M.M. degree was put on in a very able manner by W. Bro. J. H. Leah.

TAWATINAW LODGE, No. 71

This lodge was visited by me on an official visit on April 12, 1926, when the first degree was conferred in the York Rite. I enjoyed my visit very much and congratulate the officers of this lodge for the able manner in which they conduct their business and degree work.

NORWOOD LODGE, No. 90

I paid an official visit to this lodge on November 10, 1925. There was no degree work, and on this occasion I took the opportunity of addressing the brethren. As I am very well acquainted with the brethren of this lodge I was much at home and spent a delightful evening.

I paid another visit on March 23, 1926, when the M. M. degree was exemplified by W. Bro. A. Rutherford, in a very efficient manner. This lodge owns its own hall and is to be congratulated in every way for the progress it has made, for its future prospects and its present strong financial condition.

LAMONT LODGE, No. 94

My official visit to this lodge was made on March 1, 1926. No work was before the lodge but a happy time was spent in mutual instruction. I was splendidly entertained by W. Bro. L. B. Adams, R.W. Bro. E. D. Crump, and the brethren. The books are very well kept, the finances in good condition and the prospects are in every way bright.

DOMINION LODGE, No. 117

This is my own lodge, from which I think I have only been absent twice in six years. The affairs of the lodge are ably conducted, and its

future is bright. The present Master, W. Bro. J. Sample, is a capable officer, was made a Mason in Dominion Lodge and has passed through all the chairs.

ST. ALBAN'S LODGE, U.D.

I visited this lodge on an official visit on March 18, 1926, accompanied by W. Bro W. Buckley, and found the brethren under the direction of W. Bro. H. Allen carrying out the work of building up a new lodge at this outpost of District No. 10 in a very commendable way. I cannot speak too highly of the way the M. M. degree was conferred, and especially was I delighted with the examination of the candidates. Such men are indeed an acquisition to the Craft. I thank the brethren of St. Alban's Lodge for the very warm welcome they gave me.

In conclusion, I found the books of all lodges very well kept, the accounts correct and the brethren in general endeavouring to build on a solid foundation.

Fraternally submitted,

T. W. TEAPE,

D.D.G.M. District No. 10.

ELEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Carmangay, May 15, 1926.

To the M.W. the Grand Master of the

Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother:

I have the honor of submitting for your approval my report as D.D.G.M. of the Eleventh Masonic District for the year 1925-1926.

The condition of Masonry in this district is showing steady improvement. The lodges without exception are sound financially. The increase in membership is gratifying while the quality of the initiates is excellent.

DISTRICT MEETING

The District Meeting was held in Blackie on October 9, 1925. Lodge was opened at 2.35 p.m. by the officers of Granite Lodge, No. 127, Blackie, as the Vulcan officers were unable to be present. M.W. Bro. N. E. Carruthers, Grand Master, M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, Grand Secretary, and R.W. Bro. J. F. Casteel, D.D.G.M. District No. 6, were welcomed with honors. The meeting was not as well attended as was expected owing to the condition of the roads, Diamond City, Nobleford and Lomond lodges not being represented.

Cresset Lodge, No. 136, exemplified the Fellowcraft degree in the Canadian Rite in an able manner, although handicapped by lack of officers. Five-minute reports were given by the representatives of the various lodges. The M.W. the Grand Master, and the M.W. the Grand Secretary gave instructive and beneficial addresses. At the evening session the Grand Secretary gave an address on "Masonic Education," and the Grand Master on "Our Masonic Age and Its Emoluments," both of which were heartily enjoyed by the brethren.

W. Bro. W. E. Watkins of Champion Lodge, No. 84, was elected D.D.G.M. for the ensuing year, 1926-1927. The invitation to hold the next district meeting at Carmangay was unanimously accepted.

Lodge was closed by the officers of Champion Lodge, No. 84, after which a delightful banquet was tendered by the brethren of Blackie.

ROBERT BURNS LODGE, No. 49

On June 24, 1925, I was present and requested to install the officers of this my home lodge. On December 28, 1925, I paid an official visit and witnessed the exemplification of the third degree. I spoke regarding the formation of a library and a number of books were ordered at this meeting.

At a regular meeting on April 26, 1926, I again visited the lodge, at which two E.A. degrees were exemplified, one by the officers of Cresset Lodge, No. 136, and the other by Robert Burns Lodge. This I think is good procedure as it creates a friendly rivalry, acting as a stimulant for better degree work.

The finances of the lodge are in good condition, growth steady and substantial, with bright hopes held for the future.

DIAMOND CITY LODGE, No. 65

On December 11, 1925, I paid an official visit to this lodge. I found a library in existence. This lodge though not enjoying much growth recently should improve as the irrigated lands in the vicinity are attracting more settlers. I expect to revisit this lodge at their regular meeting to be held on Friday, May 14th.

VULCAN LODGE, No. 74

An official visit was paid on December 8, 1925, at which the officers and brethren of North Star Lodge, Lethbridge, exemplified the M.M. degree. At my request M.W. Bro. Thos. McNabb presented R.W. Bro. G. M. Carson with P.D.D.G.M. regalia. I spoke regarding formation of a library and the same is now in operation.

On April 27th, 1926, accompanied by W. Bro. W. E. Watkins of Champion Lodge, No. 84, I revisited this lodge and witnessed the Entered Apprentice degree. The books are in good shape. The increase in members is steady and from the quality of the initiates this growth is stable. The degree work was well executed.

CHAMPION LODGE, No. 84

Accompanied by W. Bro. Dayman and other Carmangay brethren, I paid an official visit on November 12, 1925. I laid special stress on the foundation of a library and at this meeting over one dozen books were ordered. On January 4, 1926, assisted by R.W. Bros. Stephenson and Orr, I installed the officers of Nobleford and Champion Lodges, at Champion.

On March 11, 1926, I revisited this lodge accompanied by several Carmangay brethren. I examined the books and found them in order. The F.C. degree was exemplified. The officers are very capable and the lodge is enjoying steady, healthy growth. The library is being used and enjoyed.

PYRAMID LODGE, No. 108

On November 30, 1925, accompanied by Bro. C. McLean, of Champion Lodge, I paid my official visit. This lodge is new to the Canadian

Rite but is progressing very favorably. The increase in membership is not great but will improve with local conditions. Financially the lodge is sound and the brethren very enthusiastic. At this meeting I had the honor of presenting R.W. Bro. W. J. Clements with P.D.D.G.M. regalia.

I expect to revisit this lodge at their regular meeting to be held May 26, 1926, and hope to be accompanied by expert brethren of Cresset and Robert Burns Lodges to act as instructors in the Canadian Rite.

NOBLEFORD LODGE, No. 111

On March 2, 1926, and again on May 4, accompanied by W. Bro. Messenger I visited Nobleford Lodge. This lodge is in fair financial shape and the books are in competent hands. They have not had an increase by initiation for some time. However, I look forward to this lodge strengthening its position as the irrigation district tributary to the town is settling up. This lodge has a small library of well selected books.

GRANITE LODGE, No. 127

On September 2, 1925, I paid an official visit and was pleased to meet R.W. Bro. Casteel, D.D.G.M. District No. 6, and a large number of the High River brethren. The E.A. degree was conferred in a very satisfactory manner. I arranged details for the District Meeting and spoke concerning the formation of a library. The district meeting, held under the auspices of this lodge on October 9, 1925, was a real success, due to the hearty co-operation accorded me by the brethren.

On May 5, 1926, accompanied by R.W. Bros. Orr and Stephenson of Champion Lodge, No. 84, I revisited this lodge. I found the books in good shape and the officers competent. This lodge is to be congratulated on its average attendance. The library has been received and is being used by the members.

CRESSET LODGE, No. 136

On Tuesday, September 8, 1925, I had the pleasure of being present at the constitution and consecration of this lodge by M.W. Bro. Kemmis, P.G.M. and M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, Grand Secretary. In the afternoon M.W. Bro. Kemmis constituted and consecrated this lodge and in the evening M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor installed the officers.

On December 7, 1925, and again on April 5, 1926, accompanied by Carmangay brethren I visited this lodge and witnessed degree work. The officers are very efficient; the books are in good shape; the increase is exceedingly gratifying and prospects for the future bright.

In closing I wish to express my gratitude to the brethren of District No. 11 for electing me to this office. I only hope I have been able to justify their confidence in me. I especially wish to thank the brethren of the district for their kind and courteous treatment when visiting their lodges and also to the brethren of my home and neighboring lodges who so kindly accompanied me on these visits at considerable inconvenience to themselves.

Faternally submitted,

A. F. McKIBBIN.

D.D.G.M. District No. 11.

TWELFTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Banff, June 9, 1926.

To the M.W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother:

I have the honor to present for your consideration my report as your Deputy for Masonic District No. 12, which is the largest district in point of mileage. To visit each of the outlying lodges on Regular Communications, one is required to travel over eleven hundred miles.

The following are the dates of my official visits:

1925—
June 16, Jasper Park, U.D.—Regular
June 18, Edson, No. 68—Regular
June 22, Jasper, No. 14—Installation
June 26, Strathcona, No. 77—Past Masters' Night
June 27, West Edmonton, No. 101—Installation
June 27, Onoway, No. 138—Constitution and Installation
June 30, Meridian, No. 129—Regular
Sept. 3, Westlock, No. 114—Regular
Sept. 16, West Edmonton, No. 101—Emergent
Sept. 24, Jasper Park, U.D.—Regular
Oct. 1, Edson, No. 68—Regular
Oct. 8, Saskatchewan, No. 92—Regular
Oct. 17, District Meeting—Edmonton
Nov. 20, Patricia, No. 91—Regular
Nov. 26, Ivanhoe, U.D.—Emergent
Dec. 2, West Edmonton, No. 101—Regular
Dec. 10, Saskatchewan, No. 92—Regular
Dec. 29, Strathcona, No. 77—Installation
1926—
Jan. 4, Pembina, No. 126—Installation and Work
Jan. 11, Jasper, No. 14—Regular
Feb. 19, Patricia, No. 91—Regular
March 11, Jasper Park, U.D.—Regular
April 1, Ivanhoe, U.D.—Anniversary and Regular
April 21, West Edmonton, No. 101—Grand Officers' Night
May 28, Strathcona, No. 77—Visit of Grand Master

I visited all lodges, except four, twice; to these I was only able to make one visit. I visited the two lodges under dispensation, Jasper Park and Ivanhoe Lodges, three times. Splendid opportunities present themselves for city and country lodges to exchange visits. Much benefit would be derived by these visits, not only to the country lodges but to the city lodges as well. On assuming office, I appointed V.W. Bro. George McAvoy of Patricia Lodge, No. 92, the District Secretary. Whatever success has been attained must in a large measure be attributed to his untiring efforts for Masonry in this district.

PASSING OF R.W. BRO. ROBERT WYNN

On the morning of January 21, 1925, in his 79th year, our brother, Robert Wynn, passed quietly to rest in his home in the City of Edmonton. It is neither strange nor to be wondered at, that a man of almost four-score years, who has fought well the battle of life, and whose sun sinks to rest in a cloudless sky, should undergo the universal fate. He could

have lived, at the utmost, but a few years longer. While our last solemn ceremonies refer to another life, we ought to learn more from the deserved honors which we sincerely and heartily pay to one who in his lifetime wore no high honors, except those of Freemasonry. We should learn more than one lesson from the affectionate estimation in which a community holds the memory of such a man.

Robert Wynn was born in Ontario, of Irish parentage on November 7, 1847. He was educated and lived in Ontario until the year 1884, when he came west; was in the employ of the C.P.R. at Banff when he assisted in the formation of Cascade Lodge; was engaged in ranching at Innisfail where he founded Innisfail Lodge, and retired to Strathcona where he founded Strathcona Lodge, No. 77. In 1897, W. Bro. Wynn was appointed Grand Steward of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. He was the last D.D.G.M. for Alberta under the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. He was most active in Strathcona Lodge, No. 77, and in Masonic District No. 12.

"How passing beautiful that sleep,
That gently falls upon the silvered brow of years
And shuts the weary eyelids filled with tears,
And opens them nevermore to weep."

DISTRICT MEETING

The District Meeting was held in Patricia Masonic Temple, on Saturday, the 17th of October, 1925. The M.W. the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Norman E. Carruthers, M.W. Bros. Hedley C. Taylor, Stephen Y. Taylor, William M. Connacher, Horace P. Reid, R.W. Bros. Alexander M. Mitchell and George W. Kerby, were among those in attendance. The meeting was held jointly with District No. 3, of which R.W. Bro. F. J. Follinsbee is the Deputy.

The lodge was opened in the Canadian Rite when M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, the Custodian of this Work, answered questions and exemplified certain parts of the degrees. M.W. Bro. W. M. Connacher, Custodian of the Ancient York Rite, answered questions and superintended the exemplification of certain parts of this work. During the afternoon, M.W. Bro. Norman E. Carruthers addressed the meeting at some length. The evening session brought to a close a very successful meeting. At this session we were indeed favored when R.W. Bro. George W. Kerby of Zetland Lodge, Calgary, favored the meeting with an address on "Masonry and our National Needs." This was a most inspiring, scholarly and masterful address. The district proceeded to elect the District Deputy Grand Master for the next Masonic year. V.W. Bro. W. Gillfillan, of Westlock Lodge, No. 114, was duly elected to that office. The representation at this gathering was somewhat disappointing, although the city lodges were well represented. One outside lodge was not represented and one city lodge had only the Master present. This is a matter of regret as these meetings furnish splendid opportunities for the brethren to meet the Grand Officers.

I wish to pay tribute to the earnest efforts of a number of brethren in District No. 12, M.W. Bro. Horace Reid, R.W. Bros. A. M. Mitchell and S. M. Snedden, and V.W. Bro. M. C. Wright, and others who are most active in the interests of the Craft in and about the city of Edmonton.

JASPER PARK LODGE, U.D.

This lodge was instituted on April 23, 1925, and until December of the same year was under the direction of W. Bro. W. M. Rogers, a Past Master, formerly of Ottawa. W. Bro. A. F. McGuire, also a Past Master, who acted as Senior Warden from the inception of the lodge, was appointed Worshipful Master in January, 1926. It was my privilege to visit this lodge four times, and have become very enthusiastic for Masonry in Jasper Park. Several minor difficulties common to a new lodge have been happily adjusted. Too much credit cannot be given W. Bro. W. M. Rogers for his indefatigable efforts for this lodge, not only while in the chair but after laying down the sceptre of office. Steps are being taken, which if carried out, will result in Jasper Park having the finest Masonic Temple, used exclusively for Masonic purposes, in this province. The financial standing of the lodge is of the very best, being the third highest in this district.

Both W. Bros. Rogers and McGuire confer all three degrees. They are equally capable as presiding officers during the business portion of the lodge's proceedings. The officers are expert and enthusiastic. The premises used at present are quite satisfactory.

On one visit to this lodge, I was accompanied by two P.D.D.G.M.'s, one from District No. 12, British Columbia, and the other from District No. 12, Saskatchewan. After carefully watching the progress of this young lodge, and having every confidence in the officers, I have very great pleasure in recommending that a Charter be granted to Jasper Park Lodge.

IVANHOE LODGE, U.D.

Ivanhoe Lodge was instituted on April 1, 1925. W. Bro. E. E. Sexsmith guided the affairs of this lodge until December, 1925, when the M.W. the Grand Master appointed Bro. George B. McLeod, a most efficient and enthusiastic Mason, the Worshipful Master. The new Master is at the present time the Supreme Grand Master of the Great Priory of Canada, and a Past Grand Z of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta. The Senior Warden and Junior Warden as well as the other officers of this lodge are earnest and capable. There are on the membership roll five Past Masters, V.W. Bro. M. C. Wright, W. Bros. Ritchie, Chard, Morrison and Sexsmith. The Worshipful Master cannot as yet confer all three degrees, but with the assistance of the above Past Masters the work is carried on very satisfactorily. This lodge meets in Patricia Masonic Temple. The regalia is of the very best.

This lodge starting with very high ideals is continuing its standard. There is a distinct place in Edmonton for Ivanhoe, and its influence for good is already being felt in other lodges. This lodge has been visited by me three times, and I have noted the progress it has made. The real spirit of Masonry permeates the atmosphere of Ivanhoe and a member and visitor goes away inspired to better things for the Craft. The conduct of the business is of the highest order, and I have pleasure in recommending that a Charter be granted to this young lodge.

HISTORICAL REGISTERS

The historical registers in some of the lodges in District No. 12 have not been written up. In one lodge the first few years were well written

and then the matter was allowed to drop. In another, the first few years have not been written up at all, although the later years have been well written. While there is some criticism in this matter, there is much of which to be proud. Patricia Lodge has a register equal to any in the province.

OUTSTANDING DUES

This question has been discussed frequently. The fault does not all rest with the Secretary, but he is often to blame for much of it. Some Masters assume office, make a nice appearance on the floor, recite the work well, but are failures. The Master should supervise the business of his lodge more than he does. Too many in this district do not do their full duty in this respect. Fewer suspensions will take place if the officers do their duty.

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

The average attendance in the city lodges is a little more than twenty per cent, while in the country lodges the average is twenty-nine per cent. One city lodge had thirty-four per cent, while one country lodge had sixty-nine per cent.

INSURANCE

All lodges in District No. 12 report carrying sufficient insurance.

BENEVOLENCE

Three lodges in this district do not report grants made for relief. In one case, Lodge No. 101, while not showing any grant, the writer has personal knowledge of work being done by this lodge in its own particular locality.

THE WORK

The work in the various lodges is of a uniform character, and well rendered. Little criticism can be laid at the door of lodges in District No. 12 in this respect.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

Have urged on lodges regular meetings of the Board of General Purpose of each lodge, minutes of such meetings to be kept and read as part of the proceedings at stated meetings of the lodge.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, I wish to express my sincere appreciation of the honor conferred upon me by the lodges in this district, in electing me their District Deputy Grand Master, also for the many kindnesses shown me and the courtesies extended to my family. My visits to the various lodges were of the most pleasant nature.

Fraternally submitted,

MELVIN M. DOWNEY,
D.D.G.M. District No. 12.

THIRTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Peace River, May 14, 1926.

To the M.W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration my report as your deputy for the Thirteenth Masonic District for the past year.

I have found a growing interest in the teachings of Masonry in all the lodges of the district. This interest has been greatly encouraged by the establishment of libraries, giving as they do an opportunity for a more thorough study of Masonic principles.

It has been my pleasure to visit all the lodges in the district during the year. In every place I was given a most kind and cordial reception.

SPIRIT RIVER LODGE, No. 116

On my return from Grand Lodge last year, I received an invitation from this lodge to install their officers on June the 24th. Through the kindness of Bros. W. F. W. Hancock and J. W. Faulkner, who were motoring over I was able to make the trip with them and conduct the installation ceremony. I found the books well kept and all written up to date.

LAKE SASKATOON LODGE, No. 105

I visited this lodge on October 1, 1925, and although a number live some distance from the lodge room there was a good attendance and a keen interest shown by all the officers and members. W. Bro. Roberts and his officers exemplified the first degree in an able manner. I found the books in good order except the historical register which has not been written up. This will be attended to by a committee appointed for that purpose.

GRANDE PRAIRIE LODGE, No. 105

I visited this lodge on October 2, 1925. This was an emergent meeting called at my request. W. Bro. Pratt and his officers exemplified the second degree in an impressive manner. Although the time was not convenient for many of the members, the attendance was good and a deep interest in Masonry shown. Owing to the unavoidable absence of the secretary, the books being locked in his office, I was unable to examine them.

WAHPUN LODGE, No. 88

I visited this lodge on the night of their regular meeting, December 3rd. The attendance was small owing to a number being away from the district. On account of a number of the members of this lodge living at a long distance from High Prairie, the attendance has not been as good nor the meetings as regular as desired, but there is however, a strong interest in Masonry and the prospects for the future of the lodge are good. I found the books in excellent shape, all written up to date.

PEACE RIVER LODGE, No. 89

I officially visited this lodge with the M.W. the Grand Master and M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor on October 15th, and again on March the 10th.

This being my home lodge, it has been my pleasure to witness the degree work on many occasions. The officers are well skilled and put the work on in an impressive manner.

On your instructions M.W. Sir, I invested V.W. Bro. Dr. F. H. Sutherland, Grand Steward at the regular meeting of this lodge held on July 8th. On the evening of December 28th, I had the honor and the pleasure of installing the W.M. Bro. E. E. Orr and investing the other officers of this lodge for the year 1926.

DISTRICT MEETING

The District Meeting was held in Spirit River on Tuesday, October 13, 1925. The M.W. the Grand Master and M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, Grand Secretary, were present.

All lodges of the district were well represented. After the opening ceremonies, and the reception of the Grand Lodge Officers, the F.C. degree was exemplified by the W.M. and officers of Grande Prairie Lodge. Following this, M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, Custodian of the Work, discussed the work exemplified and also the work in the other two degrees. This was very instructive and helpful to all present. The M.W. the Grand Master gave inspiring addresses at both afternoon and evening sessions. Papers were given by W. Bro. F. C. Fitton of Spirit River Lodge and by W. Bro. P. H. Belcher of Grande Prairie Lodge, both of which were much appreciated. At the evening session the election of D.D.G.M. for the next year was held. W. Bro. P. H. Belcher of Grande Prairie Lodge was the choice. After the evening session the delegates enjoyed an excellent banquet given by Spirit River Lodge.

The thanks of the district are given to W. Bro. F. C. Fitton for his valuable services as secretary for this meeting.

On October 14, 1925, V.W. Bro. Dr. F. H. Sutherland, Grand Steward, R.W. Bro. S. Harris and myself, accompanied the Grand Master and Grand Secretary to Grande Prairie where a joint meeting was held by Lake Saskatoon and Grande Prairie Lodges. The following day, October 15th, a motor trip was made to Peace River, where a meeting of Peace River Lodge was held. W. Bro. J. L. Paul and his officers initiated Bro. V. C. Crawford in a most impressive manner, after which M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor discussed very fully the symbolic teachings of the first degree. The M.W. the Grand Master urged that great care be given to the character of those admitted into Masonry and that more thought and study be given to the teachings of the Craft.

Attention was called last year to the large percentage of members of this district in arrears. While there are still a large number in arrears, this is gradually being remedied.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the officers and members of all the lodges in this district for electing me to this high office and for the very kind, cordial reception given to me on all my visits. While I have not been able to carry out my duties as I would like to have done, I trust that some advance in Masonic knowledge has been made and I trust that the coming year may bring greater progress in the things that will build up a strong and noble Masonic structure in this district.

Fraternally submitted,

T. A. NORRIS,

D.D.G.M. District No. 13.

FOURTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Rockyford, May 29, 1926.

To the M.W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother:

Herewith I have the honor of submitting to you for your consideration a report of my work as your Deputy for District No. 14, and also a statement of the condition of Masonry here.

During my term of office I have visited all the lodges in this district and while some lodges, particularly in the eastern portion, have been finding considerable difficulty in making very much of a showing, I find the members full of enthusiasm and ready to grasp the opportunities which the prospects at the time of my visitations seemed to be offering.

During my term of office there have been two petitions for dispensations for new lodges, one from brethren of Rosebud, which I believe is still under your consideration; the other from Drumheller brethren for a second lodge in Drumheller. This latter petition you considered favorably and in accordance with your instructions I instituted this lodge on December 2, 1925. I am pleased to report that this lodge is carrying on very successfully, but as I have made a separate report as to its activities, I refrain from passing further remarks.

DISTRICT MEETING

On October 28, 1925, the District Meeting of this district was held in Drumheller. The lodge was opened at 2.30 p.m. by the officers and members of Symbol Lodge, No. 93, Drumheller. The D.D.G.M. was received with honors after which he assumed the Master's chair and received with grand honors the M.W. the Grand Master, Norman E. Carruthers, M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, Grand Secretary, and other Grand Lodge Officers.

Having been requested by the Grand Master to have the Fellowcraft Degree exemplified, arrangements had been made to have Rockyford Lodge, No. 123, put on the work. This was done in the Canadian Rite in the presence of M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, Custodian of that Work. After some congratulatory remarks as to their work, he entered into some discussions explaining some controversial points and enlightening the meeting on several questions asked pertaining to the Work. As the Custodian of the York Rite Work was not present, the M.W. the Grand Master took up this work and answered many questions asked of him regarding that Rite.

The first address of the day was given by R.W. Bro. J. Odell of Hanna Lodge, No. 78, on "Brotherhood of Masonry," which was very much appreciated and listened to attentively.

Just previous to the evening session, the Installed Masters' Degree was exemplified by M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, Grand Secretary, which was greatly appreciated by all Past Masters present as there was some lack of uniformity in this district in connection with this degree.

The evening session was given over to the selection of next place of meeting, election of D.D.G.M. for next term and addresses, the first being by M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, who addressed the brethren on the advisability of establishing lodge libraries and of availing themselves of the use of the present circulating library supplied by the Grand Lodge. The M.W. the Grand Master then addressed the brethren on the subject,

"Masonry, its Age, Possessions and Endowments," which was full of rich experiences and lessons which were conveyed to the brethren, and was very much appreciated as was shown by the hearty applause he received.

Taken as a whole the brethren present were very much elated over the success of this district meeting, which many termed the best they ever attended. W. Bro. M. L. Chapman of Crocus Lodge, No. 115, was elected as next D.D.G.M., and Youngstown was selected as the next place of meeting.

MOUNT MORIAH LODGE, No. 99

I visited this lodge on August 10th, an emergent meeting having been called for that purpose. Although it was the very busiest part of the year a good attendance was present and although this lodge has been passing through trying times owing to general conditions in the district, I found them very optimistic and determined to carry on, the very best of good fellowship existing.

OYEN LODGE, No. 104

I visited this lodge on August 11th at an emergent meeting and was greatly pleased with the enthusiasm for Masonry that exists among these brethren though affected adversely by poor conditions in the district. The outlook is however now more favorable and the brethren are optimistic as to the future. This lodge is also handicapped by financial obligations contracted some years ago when everything looked prosperous. If they could be relieved somewhat by Grand Lodge by loan of money on easy payments I believe this lodge would go ahead by leaps. They have a good building but owing to conditions at present existing in the district it is not revenue producing, but with a few fair crops it would become so and their trouble would be eliminated. I would recommend that Grand Lodge give Oyen Lodge, No. 104, some immediate consideration.

CROCUS LODGE, No. 115

On August 12th I made an official visit to this lodge at an emergent meeting and while there was no degree work on, the officers are well skilled and showed efficiency in the work. This lodge is very fortunate in having a very enthusiastic and harmonious membership. Their finances are in good shape, their books well kept and I have very confidence that Crocus Lodge, No. 115 will yet make a name for itself in the annals of Masonry. This is the home of the newly elected D.D.G.M., W. Bro. M. L. Chapman.

ACADIA LODGE, No. 82

This lodge called an emergent meeting on August 13th to give me the privilege of meeting with them, but owing to certain conditions over which they seemed to have no control, this was a day when counter duties and harvesting operations were paramount, and they were unable to form a quorum. A few of the brethren, however, gathered in the lodge room and we spent a couple of hours visiting each other, which I enjoyed immensely. They have a very efficient secretary in W. Bro. Tovy and the condition of the lodge is fair. They have great hopes for a material improvement in the near future. Owing to conditions, I have been unable to again visit them but I have no doubt they are efficient in their work.

HANNA LODGE, No. 78

I made an official visit to this lodge on August 14th, when a good attendance of members were present and some interesting discussions and addresses by a number of brethren on Masonry took place. They have a splendid set of officers who seem to be ably supported by the members generally. Their books are well kept, their finances in good condition and their enthusiasm for Masonry generally is a matter of great satisfaction. My visit to Hanna was made very pleasant not only in the lodge room but throughout my day's stay in the town.

SYMBOL LODGE, No. 93

My visits to Drumheller and to Symbol Lodge have been so often and I have been so well received there that it seems almost like my home lodge. They have shown me much courtesy and ably assisted me in making the district meeting held in their splendid lodge room on October 28th such a success, that words almost fail me to express my gratitude. This lodge seems to me to have made much improvement in the last eight months and the spirit of Masonry is much in evidence. It is also with a great deal of pleasure that I notice the great spirit of harmony and good fellowship that exists between the brethren of Symbol Lodge and their newly instituted sister lodge Drumheller U.D.

ROCKYFORD LODGE, No. 123

This being my home lodge, I attended as often as possible, but I made an official visit on February 20th. The books are well kept, the finances in good condition and generally speaking it is prosperous, yet there is one feature which I cannot understand but is apparently one of those circumstances which at times trouble all lodges. It is that of attendance. This is not up to what I think it should be, but the officers are competent and are doing all they can to increase it. A number of new members are being received and I have hopes that in the near future this will improve and that by the end of the year their record will be satisfactory.

DRUMHELLER LODGE, U.D.

I made my official visit to this lodge on April 20th, and was received with due honors after which they conferred the M.M. degree which was done in a very creditable manner. The lodge was closed and all repaired to the banquet table downstairs, where a number of informal addresses were made and all seemed happy.

This lodge has made excellent progress in the few months then in existence. They can confer all the degrees and the business of the lodge is conducted well. Their books are well kept and their financial condition may well be envied by much larger and older lodges. One feature of this lodge which particularly drew my attention was the harmony and good fellowship existing between them and their sister lodge in Drumheller, Symbol Lodge, No. 93. I understand they visit each other at every meeting and at the meeting previous to the one I attended, no less than forty-seven visitors were present from Symbol Lodge. I feel sure Grand Lodge will not make any mistake in giving Drumheller Lodge its charter at the next Grand Lodge session.

HAND HILL LODGE, No. 98

On May 26th, I had the pleasure of visiting Hand Hill Lodge, No. 98, when they conferred the third degree and was much pleased with their manner of so doing. This lodge have their books well kept, their finances in good shape and while their attendance only averages about twenty-five per cent of their membership, they seem to be enthusiastic and on my visit had a large attendance. I was accompanied by twelve members of Drumheller lodge, U.D.

CRAIGMYLE LODGE, No. 132

I visited Craigmyle Lodge on May 27th, they being kind enough to call an emergent meeting for me. I was very much pleased at the interest and enthusiasm that exists in Masonry in Craigmyle. This lodge has been unfortunate in that eleven of their active members have moved from Craigmyle, which practically only leaves them a possible nineteen for attendance and at times they have difficulty in holding meetings as nearly all these are farmers. However, at the time of my visit fourteen were in attendance, which as I remarked, when the call comes they respond nobly. This lodge has a good set of officers, their books are well kept and their finances are no worry to them. They expect some increase in membership this summer and fall.

An examination of the returns of the lodges shows an increase in membership in this district of six and an average attendance at the meetings of about thirty-one per cent, which seems very satisfactory considering that this district is almost wholly dependent on the farmers for support.

On my visits to the lodges I have laid before the members the advisability of establishing libraries or availing themselves of the lending library supplied by Grand Lodge and also to curtail as much as possible the suspension for N.P.D. Have recommended a membership committee on each case to visit the members personally and try to get them to keep themselves in good standing, which recommendation has been carried out in some cases with considerable success. Altogether it is a great satisfaction to report that throughout the district the spirit and enthusiasm of the brethren give good ground for the confidence that the prospects of Masonry in the future will be greatly improved.

In conclusion I wish to express to the brethren of the district my appreciation of the honor which they have conferred upon me by electing me to the office of D.D.G.M. and to thank them for their many acts of kindness and courtesy extended to me on my visitations and to express the hope that these same courtesies be extended to the incoming D.D.G.M.

Fraternally submitted,

W. T. COCHRAN,
D.D.G.M. District No. 14.

FIFTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Bashaw, May 14, 1926.

To the M.W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit my report as District Deputy Grand Master of Masonic District No. 15, for the year 1925-1926.

My first official duty as District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 15 was to attend the funeral service of the Immediate Past Master of Fidelity Lodge, No. 76, W. Bro. George F. Grant, who was buried with full Masonic honors on August 24, 1925.

DISTRICT MEETING

The annual District Meeting was held at Three Hills, on Friday, October 30, 1925. The attendance on that occasion was good taking into consideration the fact that the roads were poor and that threshing operations were still in progress. M.W. Bro. N. E. Carruthers, Grand Master, and M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, Grand Secretary, as well as three Past District Deputy Grand Masters of District No. 15 were present. Every lodge in the district was represented except Cavell Lodge, No. 125.

Cyprus Lodge, No. 113, exemplified the opening of the lodge. Acme Lodge, No. 60, exemplified the conferring of the second degree and was heartily congratulated by M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor on its proficiency. Irricana Lodge, No. 137, the youngest lodge in the district, closed our district meeting. On that occasion many excellent speeches were given, particularly by the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary. V.W. Bro. W. Harte of Cyprus Lodge, No. 113, was elected District Deputy Grand Master for 1926-1927 and the Village of Trochu was the choice of the brethren for the place of the next district meeting. My sincere thanks are due V.W. Bro. Harte, who so ably acted as District Secretary.

ACME LODGE, No. 60

On January 28, 1926, Bro. E. H. Van Wart, Senior Warden of Acme Lodge, No. 60, drove W. Bro. Grainger, who is a resident of Grainger but a member of Acme, W. Bro. Harry Ford of Fidelity Lodge, and myself from Grainger to Acme. Irricana Lodge, No. 137, through a previous understanding with the members of Acme Lodge, conferred the second degree, which was done in a very creditable manner, as Acme Lodge with W. Bro. Grainger as W.M. had already exemplified this degree at the Lodge of Instruction and District Meeting at Three Hills.

Acme Lodge is indeed fortunate in having so many Past Masters who take an active part in their lodge work under the able direction of W. Bro. Grainger.

ST. ANDREW'S LODGE, No. 66

Unfortunately, I was not able to visit this lodge, but I have been kept well posted in regard to Masonic affairs and I am pleased to say that everything is well with them.

FIDELITY LODGE, No. 76

This is my home lodge and I have attended all the meetings except those held on dates when I was making my official visits elsewhere. I paid my official visit on December 29, 1925, when I assisted R.W. Bro. W. F. Puffer of Lacombe, in installing his son W. Bro. G. P. Puffer, W.M. of this lodge, and I invested the other officers. Here also as in Acme Lodge, the Past Masters take a keen and active interest in the work, a very commendable fact indeed.

CARBON LODGE, No. 107

On January 20, 1926, I visited Carbon Lodge, No. 107. There was no degree work on that occasion but we had some friendly discussions

along Masonic lines. I am sure that all is well with Carbon Lodge with R.W. Bro. Braisher as a regular attendant who is well skilled in Masonic work and customs. W. Bro. Grainger of Acme Lodge gave us a very interesting and instructive address.

ANCIENT LANDMARK LODGE, No. 109

I visited this lodge officially on January 6, 1926, when assisted by R.W. Bro. Baugh, who acted as Director of Ceremonies, I installed the W.M. and invested the other officers of this lodge. This was Ladies' night, so after the lodge was closed, we had a very enjoyable banquet presided over in a very able manner by W. Bro. H. W. Panrucker, who presented the retiring W.M., W. Bro. Annesley, on behalf of his brethren, with a Past Master's Jewel.

This lodge is very unfortunate as ever since its constitution there has been a dearth of Past Masters. No less than four of their W.M.'s have removed from Mirror during their term of office, but at no great distance and all were able to complete their term of office. Their first W.M., R.W. Bro. H. J. Raymer, having passed to the Great Beyond, only one of their Past Masters, W. Bro. J. H. Cairns is able to attend regularly and he has been a tower of strength to Ancient Landmark and is ably assisted by W. Bro. Panrucker and R.W. Bro. Baugh, the former affiliating from Ionic Lodge, No. 45, Alix, and the latter from Acme Lodge, No. 60.

I have been able to attend several meetings of this lodge during the year and there is a fine fraternal feeling among the brethren.

CYPRUS LODGE, No. 113

I visited this lodge on the occasion of the district meeting when I was very well pleased with the systematic manner in which V.W. Bro. Harte, the secretary, keeps his books and Masonic library.

CAVELL LODGE, No. 105

On March 4th, accompanied by W. Bro. Ford, I visited Cavell Lodge, No. 125, at Delburne. I was well pleased with the manner in which W. Bro. W. G. Wilson, W.M. assisted by his officers and Past Masters conferred the first degree. The books of this lodge are all in good shape and I believe Cavell Lodge will have a prosperous future.

IRRICANA LODGE, No. 137

On January 27, 1926, I visited Irricana Lodge. They had called an emergent meeting for my convenience and at it they conferred the third degree in a very able manner. This is the youngest lodge in District No. 15, and when the fact is taken into consideration that I visited them so early in the year, I think their work was worthy of great praise. W. Bro. Grainger again favored us with another very interesting address.

At all my visits to the lodges in District No. 15, I have endeavored to impress upon the brethren the necessity of not only starting but adding to a Masonic library. I feel that this will not only interest and enthuse the brethren but will have a tendency to increase the lodge attendance which is very desirable and I have been assured that steps will be taken to start and continue this good work.

In regard to finances, I think that the annual dues should be raised high enough to meet all expenses and that the initiation fees should be placed in a sinking fund to be used for benevolent purposes wherever possible. I would like further to impress upon the lodges in District No. 15 that the Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund is only meant to augment the benevolent fund of the subordinate lodges.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the officers and members of the several lodges in District No. 15 for their kindness and courtesy to me on my several visits, particularly W. Bro. Grainger of Acme Lodge, No. 60, who drove me to the three lodges in the southern part of my district, also W. Bro. Harry Ford, who accompanied me on all my official visits. I also wish to take this opportunity of thanking the members for electing me as District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 15.

Fraternally submitted,

J. D. MURDOCH,
D.D.G.M. District No. 15.

Resolved on motion of M.W. Bro. F. S. Selwood (28), seconded by M.W. Bro. S. J. Blair (9), "That inasmuch as a digest of the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters will appear in the Report of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry, they be accepted by this Grand Lodge as read, and referred to the Committee on the Condition of Masonry."

At the request of the M.W. the Grand Master, brief verbal reports were made by the several District Deputy Grand Masters who were present.

The M.W. the Grand Master announced that the representatives of District No. 1 would meet at the close of the afternoon session to elect a District Deputy Grand Master for the ensuing year, occasioned by the removal of W. Bro. A. W. Trickey, D.D.G.M.-elect from the jurisdiction. It was subsequently reported that R.W. Bro. H. R. Chauncey (28), Calgary, had been elected to that office.

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Representatives
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

I herewith submit to you my report as Grand Treasurer for the fiscal year ending January 31, 1926:

February 1, 1925, Cash in Bank	\$ 4,097.86
Total Deposits	24,066.60
	\$28,164.55
Less:	
Cheques issued	\$11,159.32
Transfers, to Benevolent and Relief Funds.....	12,094.50
	\$23,253.82

January 31, 1926, Cash in Bank \$ 4,910.73

A detailed account of above receipts and disbursements is fully set forth in report of Grand Secretary.

Faithfully submitted,

THOMAS SHARPE.
Grand Treasurer.

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. Thomas Sharpe (23), seconded by R.W. Bro. J. N. Rankin (1), "That the report of the Grand Treasurer be received and referred to the Committee on Finance."

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

Calgary, June 9, 1926.

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

I herewith present the Twenty-First Annual Report of your Grand Secretary, containing an account of all receipts and expenditures for the financial year ending January 31, 1926, also a statement of the investments made by Grand Lodge, and of the assets and liabilities as of that date. I also present a synopsis of the returns of the several lodges to December 27, 1925, together with a statement of certificates and charters issued; new lodges formed; bylaws and amendments thereto; dispensations issued; and all other official acts of the M.W. the Grand Master and all other transactions of this office for the past year.

PROCEEDINGS

Twelve hundred copies of the Proceedings of the last Annual Communication were printed and distributed in accordance with the requirements of Grand Lodge.

CERTIFICATES

In accordance with section 71 of the Constitution, certificates were issued to all elected and appointed officers of Grand Lodge.

I have issued 598 Master Mason Certificates to brethren raised during the year.

During the past year 19 Life Members were registered and the requisite certificates issued.

I have also issued 110 Past Master Certificates to Past Masters who applied for the same.

CHARTERS

In compliance with instructions of Grand Lodge, charters were issued to the following lodges, and these lodges were duly constituted and their officers installed:

Alliance Lodge, No. 135, at Alliance, in the Fifth Masonic District, constituted July 3, 1925, by R.W. Bro. Geo. F. Auxier, P.D.D.G.M.

Cresset Lodge, No. 136, at Barons, in the Eleventh Masonic District, constituted September 8, 1925, by M.W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis, P.G.M.

Irricana Lodge, No. 137, at Irricana, in the Fifteenth Masonic District, constituted July 14, 1925, by M.W. Bro. F. S. Selwood, P.G.M.

Onoway Lodge, No. 138, at Onoway, in the Twelfth Masonic District, constituted June 27, 1925, by M.W. Bro. H. P. Reid, P.G.M.

Melrose Lodge, No. 139, at Daysland, in the Fifth Masonic District, constituted June 26, 1925, by R.W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell, J.G.W.

Big Valley Lodge, No. 140, at Big Valley, in the Ninth Masonic District, constituted July 23, 1925, by M.W. Bro. N. E. Carruthers, Grand Master.

Efficiency Lodge, at Hughenden, in the Fifth Masonic District, Jasper Park Lodge, at Jasper, in the Twelfth Masonic District, Ivanhoe Lodge, at Edmonton, in the Twelfth Masonic District, and Gratton Lodge, at Irma, in the Third Masonic District, were continued under dispensation.

NEW LODGES

St. Alban's Lodge, at St. Paul de Metis, in the Tenth Masonic District. Dispensation issued June 18, 1925. Harry Allen, W.M.; John T. Burton, S.W.; Sydney Blackmore, J.W. Instituted July 9, 1925, by R. W. Bro. Geo. T. MacGregor, P.D.D.G.M.

Drumheller Lodge, at Drumheller, in the Fourteenth Masonic District. Dispensation issued November 10, 1925. William Rose Fulton, W.M.; Thomas Moore McGarry, S.W.; Charles Christian, J.W. Instituted December 2, 1925, by R.W. Bro. W. T. Cochran, D.D.G.M.

BY-LAWS

The M.W. the Grand Master has examined and approved the By-Laws of the following:

Rocky Mountain, No. 86.....	Nov. 26, 1925
Sentinel, No. 26	Feb. 10, 1926
Drumheller, U.D.	Mar. 10, 1926

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS

King Solomon, No. 41	June	6, 1925
Lamont, No. 94	June	27, 1925
Dominion, No. 117	July	10, 1925
Rising Sun, No. 122	July	31, 1925
Empire, No. 63	Aug.	11, 1925
Cornerstone, No. 19	Aug.	18, 1925
Strathmore, No. 53	Oct.	10, 1925
Carstairs, No. 20	Nov.	16, 1925
St. Mark's, No. 118	Nov.	21, 1925
Commercial, No. 81	Nov.	25, 1925
Doric, No. 31	Dec.	4, 1925
Ivanhoe, U.D.	Jan.	12, 1926
Renfrew, No. 134	Jan.	26, 1926
Ashlar, No. 28	Feb.	10, 1926
Patricia, No. 91	Feb.	10, 1926
Kitchener, No. 95	Feb.	10, 1926
Lake Saskatoon, No. 106	Feb.	10, 1926
Irricana, No. 137	Feb.	13, 1926
Jasjer Park, U.D.	Feb.	26, 1926
Empire, No. 63	Feb.	26, 1926
Saskatchewan, No. 92	March	6, 1926
Bowden, No. 42	March	6, 1926
Renfrew, No. 134	March	6, 1926
Pyramid, No. 108	March	15, 1926
Mount Lebanon, No. 54	March	17, 1926
Melrose, No. 139	March	19, 1926
Doric, No. 31	March	25, 1926
King Solomon, No. 41	April	1, 1926
Forestburg, No. 128	April	7, 1926
Cavell, No. 125	May	7, 1926
Zetland, No. 83	May	14, 1926
Carbon, No. 107	May	18, 1926
Cavell, No. 125	June	1, 1926

DISPENSATIONS

To Wear Regalia at Divine Service

King Hiram, No. 21	June	18, 1925
Vermilion, No. 24	June	18, 1925
Doric, No. 31	June	18, 1925
Mizpah, No. 35	June	18, 1925
Camrose, No. 37	June	18, 1925
Grassy Lake, No. 57	June	18, 1925
King George, No. 59	June	18, 1925
Acme, No. 60	June	18, 1925
Morning Star, No. 79	June	18, 1925
Cyprus, No. 113	June	18, 1925
York, No. 119	June	18, 1925
Rockyford, No. 123	June	18, 1925
Cavell, No. 125	June	18, 1925
Mountain View, No. 16	June	19, 1925
Corinthian, No. 22	June	20, 1925
Acacia, No. 11	June	24, 1925
Provost, No. 61	June	24, 1925
Monitor, No. 120	June	24, 1925

Bow Island, No. 64	June	25, 1925
Crossfield, No. 48	June	27, 1925
Crescent, No. 87	June	27, 1925
Tuscan, No. 43	June	30, 1925
Bassano, No. 55	June	30, 1925
Alliance, No. 135	July	4, 1925
Carstairs, No. 20	July	4, 1925
Pembina, No. 126	Aug.	10, 1925
Irricana, No. 137	Sept.	3, 1925
Sentinel, No. 26	Sept.	9, 1925
Cairo, No. 32	Sept.	16, 1925
Hanna, No. 78	Oct.	5, 1925
Stavelly, No. 33	Oct.	10, 1925
Saskatchewan, No. 92	Oct.	29, 1925
Acacia, No. 11	Dec.	15, 1925
Cascade, No. 5	Dec.	21, 1925
Symbol, No. 93	Feb.	9, 1926
Vegreville, No. 25	Apr.	29, 1926
Hand Hill, No. 98	May	18, 1926
Concord, No. 124	May	28, 1926
Monitor, No. 120	June	1, 1926
Rockyford, No. 123	June	1, 1926
Forestburg, No. 128	June	1, 1926
Edson, No. 68	June	2, 1926
Coronation, No. 72	June	2, 1926
West Edmonton, No. 101	June	2, 1926
Acme, No. 60	June	5, 1926
Cairo, No. 62	June	7, 1926

TO ELECT AND INSTALL OUT OF TIME

King Hiram, No. 21	July	17, 1925
Norwood, No. 90	Oct.	29, 1925
Diamond City, No. 65	Jan.	4, 1926
Acacia, No. 11	Jan.	7, 1926
Monitor, No. 120	Jan.	7, 1926
Wahpun, No. 88	Jan.	11, 1926
Grassy Lake, No. 57	Jan.	13, 1926
Concord, No. 124	Jan.	19, 1926
Comet, No. 50	Jan.	25, 1926
Camrose, No. 37	Feb.	5, 1926
Hussar, No. 130	Feb.	15, 1926
Concord, No. 124	Mar.	2, 1926
Concord, No. 124	April	3, 1926
Lethbridge, No. 39	April	9, 1926
Strathmore, No. 53	April	12, 1926
Rockyford, No. 123	June	1, 1926

TO HOLD SPECIAL INSTALLATIONS

Jasper, No. 14	June	18, 1925
Saskatchewan, No. 92	June	18, 1925
Edgerton, No. 102	June	18, 1925
St. Andrew's, No. 66	June	20, 1925
Edson, No. 68	June	20, 1925
Palestine, No. 46	June	22, 1925

Unity, No. 51	Nov.	10, 1925
Empire, No. 63	Nov.	10, 1925
Dominion, No. 117	Nov.	20, 1925
Zetland, No. 83	Nov.	27, 1925
Acadia, No. 82	Nov.	30, 1925
Edmonton, No. 7	Dec.	1, 1925
Ashlar, No. 28	Dec.	1, 1925
Crossfield, No. 48	Dec.	1, 1925
Doric, No. 31	Dec.	2, 1925
Carbon, No. 107	Dec.	2, 1925
Fidelity, No. 76	Dec.	3, 1925
Wetaskiwin, No. 15	Dec.	4, 1925
Tawatinaw, No. 71	Dec.	7, 1925
Meridian, No. 129	Dec.	7, 1925
Crocus, No. 115	Dec.	7, 1925
Renfrew, No. 134	Dec.	7, 1925
Britannia, No. 18	Dec.	8, 1925
Calgary, No. 23	Dec.	8, 1925
Bow Island, No. 64	Dec.	10, 1925
Westlock, No. 114	Dec.	10, 1925
Perfection, No. 9	Dec.	14, 1925
Crescent, No. 87	Dec.	14, 1925
Ancient Landmark, No. 109	Dec.	14, 1925
Concord, No. 124	Dec.	14, 1925
Alliance, No. 135	Dec.	14, 1925
Acacia, No. 11	Dec.	15, 1925
Vulcan, No. 74	Dec.	15, 1925
Grassy Lake, No. 57	Dec.	17, 1925
Big Valley, No. 140	Dec.	17, 1925
Forestburg, No. 128	Dec.	19, 1925
Cascade, No. 5	Dec.	21, 1925
King Solomon, No. 41	Dec.	21, 1925
Eureka, No. 10	Dec.	22, 1925
Stavely, No. 33	Dec.	22, 1925
Champion, No. 84	Dec.	24, 1925
Pembina, No. 126	Dec.	24, 1925
Cairo, No. 32	Dec.	26, 1925
Suffield, No. 85	Dec.	26, 1925
Bow River, No. 1	Dec.	29, 1925
Harmony, No. 75	Dec.	31, 1925
Warner, No. 100	Dec.	31, 1925
Pyramid, No. 108	Jan.	4, 1926
Nobleford, No. 111	Jan.	7, 1926
Excelsior, No. 80	Jan.	12, 1926
Melrose, No. 139	Jan.	15, 1926
Edgerton, No. 102	May	29, 1926
Patricia, No. 91	June	1, 1926
Edson, No. 68	June	2, 1926
West Edmonton, No. 101	June	2, 1926

TO HOLD SPECIAL ELECTIONS

Joppa, No. 40	Nov.	10, 1925
Monitor, No. 120	Nov.	18, 1925
Irricana, No. 137	Nov.	25, 1925
Rockyford, No. 123	Dec.	2, 1925

Warner, No. 100	Dec.	4, 1925
Mount Moriah, No. 99	Dec.	4, 1925
Rocky Mountain, No. 86	Dec.	17, 1925
Edmonton, No. 7	Dec.	22, 1925

TO CHANGE NIGHT OF REGULAR MEETING

Ivanhoe, U.D.	June	11, 1925
Forestburg, No. 128	June	17, 1925
Saskatchewan, No. 92	June	18, 1925
Summit, No. 30	Aug.	29, 1925
Hand Hill, No. 98	Oct.	8, 1925
Bow River, No. 1	Oct.	29, 1925
Cascade, No. 5	Oct.	29, 1925
Empire, No. 63	Nov.	10, 1925
Carstairs, No. 20	Nov.	12, 1925
Morning Star, No. 79	Nov.	30, 1925
Cascade, No. 5	Dec.	1, 1925
Acme, No. 60	Dec.	1, 1925
Coronation, No. 72	Dec.	1, 1925
King Solomon, No. 41	Dec.	2, 1925
Kitchener, No. 95	Dec.	3, 1925
Nobleford, No. 111	Dec.	3, 1925
Excelsior, No. 80	Dec.	4, 1925
Hand Hill, No. 98	Dec.	7, 1925
Harmony, No. 75	Dec.	31, 1925
Tawatinaw, No. 71	March	11, 1926
Irricana, No. 137	Feb.	20, 1926
St. Alban's, U.D.	April	24, 1926

TO CHANGE HOUR OF REGULAR MEETING

Concord, No. 124	Aug.	29, 1925
Concord, No. 124	May	26, 1926

TO ACT WITH PHYSICAL DEFECT

Strathcona, No. 77	March	19, 1926
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TO CONFER DEGREES OUT OF TIME

Lake Saskatoon, No. 106	Sept.	15, 1925
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TO INITIATE WITHOUT RESIDENCE QUALIFICATIONS

Red Deer, No. 12	April	15, 1926
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TO HOLD A SPECIAL COMMUNICATION OF THE LODGE ON
MOUNT RUNDLE, BANFF

Cascade, No. 5	Aug.	29, 1925
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LODGES INCORPORATED

St. Andrew's, No. 66	Nov. 18, 1925
Innisfail, No. 8	Dec. 19, 1925
St. Mark's, No. 118	March 18, 1926

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

Upon the recommendation of the M.W. the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kansas, the M.W. the Grand Master has appointed R.W. Bro. Paul M. Martin, of Highland, Kansas, our Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of Kansas.

Upon the recommendation of the M.W. the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia, the M.W. the Grand Master has appointed W. Bro. Frank F. Flaig, Parkersburg, West Virginia, our Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of West Virginia.

Upon the recommendation of the M.W. the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New York, the M.W. the Grand Master has appointed W. Bro. Diedrich Lutjen, of Brooklyn, New York, our Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of New York.

Upon the recommendation of the M.W. the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of South Australia, the M.W. the Grand Master has appointed V.W. Bro. J. S. Philips of Adelaide, South Australia, our Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of South Australia.

Upon the recommendation of the M.W. the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas, the M.W. the Grand Master has appointed W. Bro. Lamar Walker, of Newport, Arkansas, our Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of Arkansas.

Upon the recommendation of the M.W. the Grand Master of Alberta, brethren were commissioned as Grand Representatives of other Grand Lodges, near the Grand Lodge of Alberta, as follows:

TasmaniaR.W. Bro. W. F. W. Carstairs,Edmonton
ConnecticutR.W. Bro. Charles V. BennettStettler

The following special committees were appointed by the M.W. the Grand Master:

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

M.W. Bro. W. J. Botterill, Chairman; R.W. Bro. Geo. F. Auxier,
R.W. Bro. S. J. Byers

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT

M.W. Bro. J. A. Jackson, Chairman; V.W. Bro. Geo. F. Beart, R.W.
Bro. W. H. Williams.

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R.W. Bro. Geo. W. Kerby, Chairman; R.W. Bro. C. H. Robinson,
V.W. Bro. Geo. A. Stewart.

MEMBERSHIP

Total Membership, December 27, 192412,414

INCREASE

Initiated		623
Passed	601	
Raised	598	
Joined		327
Reinstated		62

Total Increase 1,012

DECREASE

Dimitted	419
Suspended N.P.D.	231
Suspended U.M.C.	3
Died	101

Total decrease 754

Net increase 258

Total Membership, December 27, 192512,672

We again had the pleasure of accompanying the Grand Master on his official visit to each of the district meetings. These meetings are yearly increasing in attendance and interest. The second degree was exemplified at every meeting. The Work was reviewed by the Custodians and special emphasis was laid on the lessons to be derived therefrom. The brethren were urged to purchase suitable Masonic library books and a considerable number took advantage of securing them from the office of the Grand Librarian at a minimum of cost and trouble to the lodge.

Year by year our District Deputy Grand Masters are assuming a greater measure of responsibility in connection with the district meetings and evincing the wisdom of a six months' probation which Grand Lodge made provision for a few years ago. We owe a deep debt of gratitude to these brethren, who at much sacrifice of time and money have travelled long distances and given willingly of themselves that the Institution might profit thereby.

In conclusion, I desire to thank the brethren of this jurisdiction for a continuance of their kindness and favor, thereby making the work of the office pleasant in the truest sense of the word.

Fraternally submitted,

S. Y. TAYLOR,
Grand Secretary.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF GRAND SECRETARY AND AUDITOR'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31st, 1926

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

The Grand Secretary in Account with Grand Lodge.

Moneys received between February 1, 1925, and January 31, 1926.

No.	Name of Lodge	Amount	No.	Name of Lodge	Amount
1.	Bow River	\$609.85	40.	Joppa	\$ 96.10
2.	Medicine Hat	359.70	41.	King Solomon	70.70
3.	Alberta	173.95	42.	Bowden	96.20
4.	North Star	422.15	43.	Tuscan	79.50
5.	Cascade	342.70	44.	Buffalo Park	86.75
6.	Spitzie	92.60	46.	Palestine	129.50
7.	Edmonton	503.00	47.	Chinook	83.65
8.	Innisfail	149.30	48.	Crossfield	152.65
9.	Perfection	679.65	49.	Robert Burns	95.55
10.	Eureka	260.15	50.	Comet	146.65
11.	Acacia	179.25	51.	Unity	752.95
12.	Red Deer	243.40	53.	Strathmore	264.30
13.	Victoria	36.75	54.	Mount Lebanon	430.15
14.	Jasper	270.45	55.	Bassano	163.40
15.	Wetaskiwin	168.70	56.	Beaver	98.55
16.	Mountain View	126.20	57.	Grassy Lake	63.75
17.	Nanton	161.92	58.	Chief Mountain	66.85
18.	Britannia	268.00	59.	King George	523.30
19.	Cornerstone	277.20	60.	Acme	125.35
20.	Carstairs	102.25	61.	Provost	72.00
21.	King Hiram	192.10	62.	Coal	65.25
22.	Corinthian	133.70	63.	Empire	450.25
23.	Calgary	474.95	64.	Bow Island	222.35
24.	Vermilion	205.50	65.	Diamond City	67.05
25.	St. John's	128.75	66.	St. Andrew's	39.70
26.	Sentinel	187.85	67.	Charity	141.70
27.	Apollo	227.50	68.	Edson	271.40
28.	Ashlar	386.95	69.	Connaught	102.05
29.	Kenilworth	194.50	70.	Quarry	93.50
30.	Summit	66.15	71.	Tawatinau	113.10
31.	Doric	102.80	72.	Coronation	150.65
32.	Cairo	75.75	73.	Brooks	149.75
33.	Stavely	145.10	74.	Vulcan	194.50
34.	Star of the West	108.95	75.	Harmony	89.00
35.	Mizpah	212.30	76.	Fidelity	143.50
36.	Gleichen	169.50	77.	Strathcona	314.00
37.	Camrose	104.25	78.	Hanna	75.90
38.	Hope	91.75	79.	Morning Star	34.75
39.	Lethbridge	283.55	80.	Excelsior	43.60

No.	Name of Lodge	Amount	No.	Name of Lodge	Amount
81.	Commercial	\$159.55	118.	St. Mark's	\$119.15
82.	Acadia	95.70	119.	York	200.80
83.	Zetland	377.20	120.	Monitor	178.75
84.	Champion	104.00	121.	Clive	17.00
85.	Suffield	62.25	122.	Rising Sun	78.15
86.	Rocky Mountain	193.45	123.	Rockyford	116.40
87.	Crescent	574.25	124.	Concord	171.60
88.	Wahpun	79.85	125.	Cavell	57.95
89.	Peace River	162.85	126.	Pembina	84.85
90.	Norwood	211.65	127.	Granite	244.00
91.	Patricia	690.15	128.	Forestburg	75.00
92.	Saskatchewan	293.65	129.	Meridian	85.40
93.	Symbol	375.85	130.	Hussar	87.75
94.	Lamont	80.50	131.	Kitscoty	62.75
95.	Kitchener	62.10	132.	Craigmyle	43.65
96.	Dynamic	98.90	133.	Manyberries	55.05
97.	Albion	41.65	134.	Renfrew	227.65
98.	Hand Hill	194.55	135.	Alliance	42.65
99.	Mount Moriah	43.15	136.	Cresset	71.75
100.	Warner	33.50	137.	Irricana	78.30
101.	West Edmonton	213.15	138.	Onoway	163.70
102.	Edgerton	34.02	139.	Melrose	84.40
103.	Foremost	27.65	140.	Big Valley	135.75
104.	Oyen	65.65	U.D.	Efficiency	62.10
105.	Grande Prairie	161.70	U.D.	Jasper Park	180.70
106.	Lake Saskatoon	94.45	U.D.	Ivanhoe	124.15
107.	Carbon	100.30	U.D.	Gratton	85.10
108.	Pyramid	68.45	U.D.	St. Alban's	105.95
109.	Ancient Landmark ..	29.25	U.D.	Drumheller	84.70
110.	Kilwinning	94.50	Masonic District, No. 5...	84.25	
111.	Nobleford	31.85	Masonic District No. 11...	47.60	
112.	Victory	67.25	Masonic District No. 13..	81.85	
113.	Cyprus	77.25	Masonic District No. 14...	109.00	
114.	Westlock	106.30	Sundry Accounts	2.50	
115.	Crocus	84.00			
116.	Spirit River	93.70			
117.	Dominion	113.90			
				Total	\$24,136.99

LEDGER BALANCES

As at January 31, 1926

No.	Name of Lodge	Amount	No.	Name of Lodge	Amount
1.	Bow River	\$230.65	25.	St. John's	\$ 1.45
2.	Medicine Hat	2.80	26.	Sentinel	2.15
3.	Alberta	1.05	27.	Apollo	10.25
5.	Cascade	7.90	29.	Kenilworth	12.10
6.	Spitzie	11.50	30.	Summit	38.30
7.	Edmonton	1.25	31.	Doric	41.00
8.	Innisfail	10.70	34.	Star of the West ...	3.20
9.	Perfection	.35	35.	Mizpah	2.40
13.	Victoria	4.66	36.	Gleichen	7.20
16.	Mountain View	.05	38.	Hope	21.30
19.	Cornerstone	1.20	39.	Lethbridge	.35
20.	Carstairs	2.75	40.	Joppa	20.05
21.	King Hiram	8.65	41.	King Solomon	.95

No.	Name of Lodge	Amount	No.	Name of Lodge	Amount
43.	Tuscan	\$ 11.80	94.	Lamont	\$.70
45.	Ionic	72.25	95.	Kitchener	.75
46.	Palestine	1.25	96.	Dynamic	.75
47.	Chinook	.50	97.	Albion	6.15
49.	Robert Burns	3.00	99.	Mount Moriah	50.65
50.	Comet	1.50	100.	Warner	10.95
53.	Strathmore	4.95	101.	West Edmonton	19.95
56.	Beaver	1.25	102.	Edgerton	27.54
57.	Grassy Lake	14.45	106.	Lake Saskatoon	1.25
59.	King George	2.60	109.	Ancient Landmark	.30
61.	Provost	.30	110.	Kilwinning	2.30
63.	Empire	.50	112.	Victory	1.05
64.	Bow Island	14.30	114.	Westlock	101.30
65.	Diamond City	5.05	116.	Spirit River	1.05
66.	St. Andrews	3.45	117.	Dominion	2.55
67.	Charity	3.05	118.	St. Mark's	2.80
68.	Edson	1.10	120.	Monitor	193.50
69.	Connaught	.60	123.	Rockyford	.70
70.	Quarry	4.00	125.	Cavell	2.45
71.	Tawatinaw	.30	126.	Pembina	4.50
73.	Brooks	3.00	128.	Forestburg	3.70
75.	Harmony	3.95	129.	Meridian	13.35
76.	Fidelity	60.50	130.	Hussar	.80
77.	Strathcona	6.95	131.	Kitscoty	.65
78.	Hanna	2.30	132.	Craigmyle	5.15
79.	Morning Star	2.30	133.	Manyberries	.80
80.	Excelsior	4.93	135.	Alliance	12.70
81.	Commercial	.40	136.	Cresset	.75
82.	Acadia	3.00	137.	Irricana	27.55
85.	Suffield	47.00	U.D.	Efficiency	.45
89.	Peace River	5.45	U.D.	Drumheller	.25
90.	Norwood	1.95	Masonic District No. 11...		76.55
91.	Patricia	9.55	Masonic District No. 15...		.15
92.	Saskatchewan	.45			
93.	Symbol	5.50			
					\$1,324.08

CREDIT BALANCES

As at January 31, 1926.

No.	Name of Lodge	Amount	No.	Name of Lodge	Amount
4.	North Star	\$ 10.80	37.	Camrose	\$ 7.00
10.	Eureka	50.95	42.	Bowden	3.75
11.	Acacia	.30	44.	Buffalo Park	3.35
12.	Red Deer	1.80	48.	Crossfield	.45
14.	Jasper	6.00	51.	Unity	10.40
15.	Wetaskiwin	.10	55.	Bassano	8.20
17.	Nanton	.77	58.	Chief Mountain	.25
18.	Britannia	56.55	60.	Acme	8.90
22.	Corinthian	56.00	62.	Coal	1.00
24.	Vermilion	7.81	74.	Vulcan	37.70
28.	Ashlar	8.15	84.	Champion	42.85
32.	Cairo	1.10	86.	Rocky Mountain	16.05
33.	Stavelly	26.50	88.	Wahpun	28.05

No.	Name of Lodge	Amount	No.	Name of Lodge	Amount
98.	Hand Hill	\$ 12.45	138.	Onoway	\$ 14.00
103.	Foremost	2.00	139.	Melrose	5.40
104.	Oyen	23.95	140.	Big Valley	43.20
105.	Grande Prairie	19.80	U.D. Jasper Park	17.65	
107.	Carbon	1.20	U.D. Ivanhoe	3.50	
111.	Nobleford	.10	U.D. St. Albans	24.75	
113.	Cyprus	1.75	Masonic District No. 2 ...	17.30	
115.	Crocus	.80	Masonic District No. 5 ...	.10	
119.	York	48.35	Masonic District No. 9 ...	8.75	
121.	Clive	.72	Masonic District No. 12 ...	1.50	
122.	Rising Sun	1.16			
127.	Granite	48.20			<u>\$695.31</u>

MASONIC BENEVOLENT FUND RECEIPTS

From February 1, 1925, to January 31, 1926.

No.	Name of Lodge	Amount	
14.	Jasper	\$ 6.00	Transferred from Cur-
44.	Buffalo Park	12.00	rent Account
	Rent, 3rd Ave. Property,		Interest Savings
	Calgary	140.00	
	Rent, 14th Avenue Prop-		
	erty, Calgary	495.00	<u>\$6,740.23</u>

MASONIC BENEVOLENT FUND STATEMENT

Feb. 1, 1925—Balance in Savings Account	\$ 5,676.04
Cash Receipts	653.00
Dues	6,047.25
Interest, Savings	39.98
War Bonds, 1925, redeemed	300.00
	<u>\$12,716.27</u>
Less:	
Invested in Bonds	\$5,127.40
City of Calgary, Taxes	281.81
Security Trust Co., Insurance	77.20
O. C. Arnott & Co., Exchange on Bonds	62.18
Transferred to Relief Fund Account....	275.99
	<u>\$ 5,824.58</u>
Feb. 1, 1926—Balance in Savings Account	<u>6,891.69</u>

MASONIC RELIEF FUND STATEMENT

Feb. 1, 1925—Balance in Savings Account	\$ 9,014.70
Interest on Bonds	5,676.11
Dues	6,047.25
Transferred from Benevolent Fund	275.99
Repayment of Loans:	
Cornerstone Lodge No. 19	\$133.00
Ashlar Lodge No. 28	50.00
St. Mark's Lodge No. 118	200.00
	383.00
Champion Lodge No. 84, Grant to Widow	10.00
Interest, Savings	94.17
	\$21,501.22
Less:	
Cheques Issued	\$14,180.56
Cheques Cancelled and Outstanding ...	245.00
	\$13,935.56
Feb. 1, 1926—Balance in Savings Account	\$ 7,565.66

INVESTMENT AND LOAN ACCOUNT

BENEVOLENT FUND:

Dominion and Provincial Bonds (Par Value).....	\$97,503.33
Calgary Real Estate	8,000.00
Benevolent Loans	500.00
	\$106,003.33

INTEREST ACCOUNT

As at January 31, 1926.

Dominion and Provincial Bonds, Benevolent Fund	\$ 1,115.67
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AUDITOR'S REPORT

May 28th, 1926

To the M.W. Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

In accordance with the requirements of the Constitution I have conducted an audit of the books of the Grand Secretary for the fiscal year ended 31st January, 1926, and submit herewith the following statements:—

Balance Sheet of the General and Benevolent Funds as at 31st January, 1926.

Abstract of Cash Receipts and Disbursements of the General and Benevolent Funds for the period.

Revenue Account for the period showing the result of operations for the past year.

I have to report that all my requirements as Auditor have been complied with, that full and sufficient vouchers have been furnished me covering all payments, and all information and explanations required by me have been satisfactorily answered.

There is very little that calls for special comment in the statement. The financial position of Grand Lodge is highly satisfactory, every effort being exerted to conduct the affairs on an economical basis and in the best interests of the institution.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. IRELAND,

Chartered Accountant,
Auditor.

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A. F. & A. M.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st JANUARY, 1926.

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
GENERAL FUND:		GENERAL FUND:	
Balance in Bank of Nova Scotia.....	\$ 4,910.73	Balances due Lodges	\$ 695.31
Balance due from Lodges	1,324.08	Balances due Relief and Benevolent Funds	.66
Books, Stationery and Supplies on hand	4,810.87	Surplus Account—	
Furniture and Fixtures	1,092.00	Balance, Feb'y 1, 1925	\$ 11,275.14
Regalia	225.00	Plus Net Increase as per Revenue Account	309.72
	<u>\$ 12,362.68</u>	Plus Account written off but since Collected	81.85
			<u>11,666.71</u>
BENEVOLENT FUND:			<u>\$12,362.68</u>
Balances in Bank of Nova Scotia, Savings Account—		BENEVOLENT FUND CAPITAL ACCOUNT:	
Relief Fund	\$7,480.66	Balance Feb'y 1, 1925	\$101,003.16
Benevolent Fund	6,891.69	Loss Property Adjustments	2,397.79
	<u>14,372.35</u>		<u>98,605.37</u>
INVESTMENTS:		Plus additions during year	6,043.05
Dominion of Canada and Provincial Government Bonds at cost (par value \$97,503.33)	96,171.79		<u>104,648.42</u>
Real Estate	8,000.00	RELIEF FUND:	
Sundry Loans	500.00	Balance Feb'y 1, 1925	\$ 11,419.64
Balance due from General Fund	.66	Plus additions during year	4,062.41
Accrued Interest	1,115.67		<u>15,512.05</u>
	<u>120,160.47</u>		<u>120,160.47</u>
	<u>\$132,523.15</u>		<u>\$132,523.15</u>

Calgary, May 28th, 1926.

I hereby certify the foregoing Balance Sheet exhibits a true and correct statement of the financial position of the Grand Lodge as disclosed by the books and information supplied.

WM. IRELAND,
Chartered Accountant.

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A. F. & A. M.

REVENUE ACCOUNT

For 12 Months Ended 31st January, 1926.

By	Members'p Fees	\$	6,047.25
"	Initiation Fees		1,248.00
"	Certificate Fees		1,368.00
"	Life Membership Fees		338.00
"	Charter Fees		210.00
"	Dispensations		410.00
"	Supplies Sold		1,508.85
"	Sundries		7.50
	Gross Revenue	\$	11,137.60
To	Cost of Supplies Sold—		
	Inventory February 1, 1925	\$	4,358.93
	Purchases		1,600.10
			5,959.03
	Less Inventory January 31, 1926		4,810.87
			\$1,148.16
To	Office Expenses—		
"	Rent	\$	744.00
"	Salaries		4,375.00
"	Postage and Express		315.75
"	Telephone and Telegrams		132.39
"	General Expenses		1,886.06
			7,453.20
To	Insurance		258.38
"	Printing		1,395.85
"	Regalia		387.50
"	Depreciation Office Furniture and Fixtures		166.93
"	Bank Charges		17.86
			10,827.88
	Net Increase for the Year	\$	309.72

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A. F. & A. M.

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements from February 1st, 1925, to January 31st, 1926.

RECEIPTS

To Balance in Bank, February 1st, 1925\$ 4,097.86
 " Receipts from Lodges 24,136.99

DISBURSEMENTS

By Books, Stationery and Supplies\$ 1,600.10
 " General Expenses 1,886.06
 " Fixtures 46.43
 " Insurance 258.38
 " Office Rent 744.00
 " Salaries 4,375.00
 " Postage, Express, etc. 315.75
 " Printing 1,395.85
 " Regalia 387.50
 " Telephone and Telegrams 132.39
 " Exchange 88.16
 " Fees collected from Lodges for Relief and Benevolent Funds 12,094.50

\$ 23,324.12
 4,910.73

" Balance in Bank of Nova Scotia

\$28,234.85

\$28,234.85

Calgary, May 31st, 1926.

I hereby certify that I have audited the foregoing Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements and certify same to be true and correct, and in accordance with the vouchers submitted.

WM. IRELAND,
 Chartered Accountant.
 Auditor.

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A. F. & A. M.

RELIEF FUND

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements from February 1st, 1925
to January 31st, 1926.

To	Balance in Bank, February 1st, 1925	\$	9,014.70	
"	Membership Dues		6,047.25	
"	Interest on Bonds		5,676.11	
"	Interest on Savings		94.17	
"	Loans Repaid		383.00	
"	Revenue from Properties		275.99	
"	Grant to Widow Received		10.00	
By	Cheques issued on Grants made	\$	7,857.82	
"	Bonds Purchased		6,162.74	
"	Balance in Bank		7,480.66	
			\$21,501.22	\$21,501.22

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A. F. & A. M.

BENEVOLENT FUND

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements from February 1st, 1925,
January 31st, 1926.

To	Balance in Bank, February 1st, 1926	\$	5,676.04	
"	Membership Dues		6,047.25	
"	Rents from Properties		635.00	
"	Donations		18.00	
"	Interest on Savings		39.98	
"	Bonds Redeemed		300.00	
By	Taxes on Properties	\$	281.81	
"	Bonds Purchased		5,127.40	
"	Insurance on Properties		77.20	
"	Charges on Bonds		62.18	
"	Transfer to Relief Fund		275.99	
"	Balance in Bank of Nova Scotia		6,891.69	
			\$ 12,716.27	\$12,716.27

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements from February 1st, 1926, to May 31st, 1926.

RECEIPTS

To Balance in Bank, February 1st, 1926\$ 4913.73
 Receipts from Lodges 3,724.40

DISBURSEMENTS

By Books and Stationery\$ 295.31
 " General Expense 87.24
 " Fixtures 27.50
 " Insurance 152.78
 " Rent 186.00
 " Salaries 1,400.00
 " Postage and Express 66.83
 " Printing 48.40
 " Telephones and Telegrams 40.62
 " Exchange 16.45

	\$ 2,321.13
" Balance in Bank	6,314.00
\$ 8,635.13	\$ 8,635.13

Calgary, June 1st, 1926.

I hereby certify that I have audited the foregoing Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements and certify same to be true and correct, and in accordance with the vouchers submitted.

WM. IRELAND,
 Chartered Accountant.
 Auditor.

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A. F. & A. M.

RELIEF FUND

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements from February 1st, 1926,
to May 31st, 1926.

To Balance in Bank, February 1st, 1926	\$7,480.66	
" Donations	240.00	
" Interest on Bonds	1,532.13	
By Grants Made		\$ 2,625.99
" Bonds Purchased		4,747.20
" Balance in Bank		1,879.60
	<u>\$9,252.79</u>	<u>\$ 9,252.79</u>

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A. F. & A. M.

BENEVOLENT FUND

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements from February 1st, 1926,
to May 31st, 1926.

To Balance in Bank, February 1st, 1926	\$ 6,891.69	
" Rents Collected	265.00	
By Insurance on Properties		\$ 160.20
" Taxes on Properties		277.77
" Bonds Purchased		5,115.07
" Balance in Bank		1,603.65
	<u>\$7,156.69</u>	<u>\$ 7,156.69</u>

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. M. M. Downey (77), seconded by R.W. Bro. J. E. Rannard (39), "That the report of the Grand Secretary, except that of the Financial Statement be received and referred to the Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report and that the Financial Statement, including the Auditor's Report, be referred to the Committee on Finance."

CALLED FROM LABOR

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 12.15 p.m.

First Day

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Afternoon Session**LABOR RESUMED**

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 1.45 o'clock p.m.

REPORT OF THE GRAND LIBRARIAN

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

I have pleasure in presenting the twenty-first Annual Report as Grand Librarian of the Grand Lodge.

I desire to express our grateful appreciation to all sister Grand Lodges who have supplied us with copies of their Annual Proceedings and all editors of magazines, periodicals and year books, who have donated copies free of charge.

CIRCULATING LIBRARY

While the demand for the use of these travelling sets of books has not been so great as last year, owing perhaps to the increase in the number of lodge libraries, we are pleased to report that this medium of disseminating Masonic information is being taken advantage of by a considerable number of our lodges and we recommend such addition to the number of sets as will meet the increase in demand from time to time.

GRAND LODGE REFERENCE LIBRARY

It is gratifying indeed to observe an increasing number who are taking advantage of the reference library. Every brother is cordially invited to make use of these rooms at any time during office hours.

Fraternally submitted,

S. Y. TAYLOR,
Grand Librarian.

Resolved on motion of R. W. Bro. J. N. Rankin (1), seconded by R.W. Bro. W. F. W. Carstairs (11), "That the report of the Grand Librarian be received and referred to the Committee on Masonic Research and Education."

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

Banff, June 9, 1926

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes desire to report that on Thursday, June 11, 1925, at the City of Edmonton, a meeting was held at which the

appointment of members of the various sub-committees was made for the ensuing year.

The Board again met in the Town of Banff on Tuesday, June 8, 1926, when all matters for consideration were distributed to the proper sub-committees and will appear in the reports presented by them.

A communication was presented from Jasper Park Lodge U.D., asking for a donation of \$1,000.00 towards the erection of a new lodge building and for information as to any standard plans of lodges being available in this Grand Jurisdiction.

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. M. M. Downey, seconded by R.W. Bro. J. N. Rankin, "That the Grand Secretary inform Jasper Park Lodge U.D. that Grand Lodge has made no provision for the rendering of such financial assistance and that the Constitution requires that all moneys of Grand Lodge not required for current expenses shall be invested in Dominion or Provincial Securities only, and further that the Grand Master has appointed a special committee to prepare plans and specifications, etc., for the information of lodges desiring to erect lodge rooms."

Fraternally submitted,

T. F. ENGLISH,
Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. T. F. English (23), seconded by R.W. Bro. F. S. Selwood (28), "That the Report of the Board of General Purposes, be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

Banff, June 9, 1926

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.:

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence find that only one case has been submitted to them, and that is practically a request for direction by a lodge in regard to procedure.

The matter is simply this: A member of this lodge having defaulted in a trust of a financial nature left the country, actually as a fugitive from justice, but ostensibly to endeavor to re-establish himself by making restitution of the funds he misappropriated. The member has paid his dues to date.

In consideration of all the correspondence in connection with the matter, your Committee find that the lodge has no other recourse than to prefer charges and proceed with a trial as provided by the Constitution.

Fraternally submitted,

J. H. W. S. KEMMIS,
W. J. BOTTERILL,
F. S. SELWOOD,
THOS. McNABB,
S. J. BLAIR,
S. Y. TAYLOR,

Committee.

Resolved on motion of M.W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis (6), seconded by M.W. Bro. W. J. Botterill (29), "That the Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence be received and adopted."

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS

Banff, June 9, 1926.

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on Grievances and Appeals has pleasure in reporting that no matters demanding its attention were brought before it.

We congratulate this Grand Body on this evidence of harmony among the brethren.

Fraternally submitted,

J. N. RANKIN,
A. M. MITCHELL,
Committee.

Resolved, on motion of M.W. Bro. W. J. Botterill (29), seconded by R.W. Bro. J. N. Rankin (1), "That the Report of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CONDITION OF MASONRY

Banff, June 9, 1926

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on the Condition of Masonry has examined the several reports presented by the D.D.G.M.'s and begs to report as follows:

The outstanding features of all fifteen reports may be condensed into three main headings, "Arrears," "Growth," and "Attendance."

Your committee views with some misgiving the fact that little or no improvement has been made in the gross amount of dues outstanding during the last twelve months, the low attendance averages, and with real alarm the great loss in membership by the lodges.

The total membership at December 27, 1924, was 12,414, and at December 27, 1925, 12,672, a net increase of 258 or less than two per cent.

Your committee believes that the three conditions cited reflect the most important question before Craft Masonry today—the lack of opportunity for service by the individual member.

Too many lodges, particularly in the cities, have concentrated on ritualistic perfection, with disregard of the broader functions of the Craft.

Impressive ritual is of high importance undoubtedly and must be a goal for every lodge, but it affords opportunity for active service to relatively few. The ordinary member of the lodge becomes tired even of perfect ritual, his attendance falls off and presently he is listed as dormant or suspended for non-payment of dues.

Your committee believes that attendance and arrearages will be greatly improved when opportunity for active service is offered every brother. It is fully realized that quality in membership is better than quantity, but your committee is of the opinion that our current increase is too small comparatively and that real numerical strength can be added by evidence of service among our present membership. In short, your committee recommends to the consideration of every lodge some program of Masonic service which will enlist the active co-operation of every brother.

Your committee notes in the reports of the D.D.G.M.'s, that on numerous occasions no degree work was exemplified on official visits. The committee is of the opinion that D.D.G.M.'s, should insist that degree work by the regular officers of the lodge, and not by the Past Masters, should be a feature of every official visit.

The D.D.G.M.'s are the eyes and ears of the Grand Master and it is by the information contained in their reports that this committee is enabled to present the true condition of the Craft to Grand Lodge.

We are pleased to note that generally the financial condition of the lodges is satisfactory.

We note with particular pleasure the continuing improvement in secretarial work, but regret that there are yet numerous lodges neglecting the completion of historical registers.

Your committee reports that all the D.D.G.M.'s have been diligent in the discharge of their duties, having made sacrifices of time, labor and money, besides enduring considerable physical hardship. But they have their reward in the consciousness of having faithfully performed their duties, of being received loyally and affectionately by their brethren and entertained with great hospitality everywhere.

The committee has great pleasure in recommending that the rank of P.D.D.G.M., be conferred on the following brethren:

Louis S. Crosby, (5).	F. J. S. Sissons, (121).
Geo. Lomas, (64).	Thos. W. Teape, (117).
F. J. Folinsbee, (51).	Arthur F. McKibbin, (49).
Geo. E. Bowker, (18).	Melvin M. Downey, (77).
Claude H. Robinson, (37).	Thos. A. Norris, (89).
John F. Casteel, (19).	Wm. T. Cochran, (123).
John E. Rannard, (39).	J. Douglas Murdoch, (76).
Arthur M. Densmore, (47).	

Fraternally submitted,

T. F. ENGLISH,
GEO. E. CRUICKSHANK,
A. M. MITCHELL,

Committee.

Resolved, on motion of M.W. Bro. F. S. Selwood (28), seconded by R.W. Bro. A. S. Estey (9), "That the report of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL RELATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Banff, June 9, 1926.

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on Fraternal Relations and Correspondence is pleased to report that the relations heretofore existing between our Sister Grand Jurisdictions and the Grand Lodge of Alberta continue to be of the most friendly and cordial nature.

Regarding the request of the York Grand Lodge of Mexico for fraternal recognition, your committee recommends the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas, the harmony which existed between York Grand Lodge of Mexico, working in the English language and the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico, working in the language of the country, is and has been disturbed by a bitter controversy as to their respective claims to regularity and jurisdiction;

And whereas, this Grand Lodge of Alberta does not wish to appear to support the claims of either of these contending jurisdictions:

Therefore resolved, that this Grand Lodge do not for the present extend recognition and fraternal intercourse to the York Grand Lodge of Mexico.

We submit herewith a brief review of the proceedings of other Grand Lodges and request that the same be printed as an appendix to our proceedings.

The chairman of the committee desires to express his deep appreciation of the assistance of the following brethren in reviewing the proceedings of other Grand Lodges:

M.W. Bro. H. C. Taylor,
M.W. Bro. E. T. Bishop,
M.W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis,
M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor,
R.W. Bro. C. V. Bennett,
R.W. Bro. Geo. F. Auxier,
R.W. Bro. E. D. Crump,
R.W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell.

Fraternally submitted,

F. S. SELWOOD,
Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of M.W. Bro. F. S. Selwood (28), seconded by M.W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis (6), "That the report of the Committee on Fraternal Relations and Correspondence be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON AUDIT AND FINANCE

Banff, June 9, 1926.

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

Your committee has pleasure in submitting the following report:

From the financial reports of the Grand Secretary and the Auditor we find there is very little that calls for special comment. The financial standing of Grand Lodge is highly satisfactory. The reports of the Grand Secretary and the Auditor for the year ending January 31, 1926, have been printed and distributed amongst the members of Grand Lodge.

We note that the recommendation of this committee of last year with regard to the consolidation of bonds has been carried out and that all bonds are now registered in the name of the Grand Lodge of Alberta. The par value of our bonds at the present time is \$107,103.33. We recommend the transfer of \$5,000.00 now invested in Provincial Bonds from the Relief Fund, to the Capital Benevolent Fund of Grand Lodge.

Tenders were received by your committee for the printing of our Proceeding from several firms. The tender of J. D. McAra, of Calgary, being the lowest, is recommended for acceptance.

Your committee regrets to find two loans of long standing still on the books of Grand Lodge. We understand from the chairman of the Benevolence Committee that efforts have been made to have these loans repaid or at least reduced. So far these efforts have failed to produce any result. Your committee is of the opinion that the necessary steps should be taken to secure repayment; and further that interest bearing eight per cent be charged from this date. We have pleasure in noting that loans amounting to \$383.00 have been repaid with interest.

We recommend that the value of our real estate holdings be reduced by ten per cent, that is, from \$8,000.00 to \$7,200.00.

Your committee also recommends that the sum of \$50.00 be paid for the use of Cascade Masonic Hall for this communication, and desires to congratulate this lodge on its beautiful, commodious, and well appointed Masonic home.

We recommend that W. Bro. Wm. Ireland, C.A., be appointed Auditor for the ensuing year, and that he be paid the sum of \$150.00 for his services for the past year.

We also recommend that the Grand Secretary purchase a portable typewriter for the use of Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

J. H. W. S. KEMMIS,
GEO. E. CRUICKSHANK,
E. G. IRONSIDE,
M. M. DOWNEY,

Committee.

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. E. G. Ironside (23), seconded by M.W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis (6), "That the report of the Committee on Audit and Finance be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

Your committee on reviewing the work for the past year feel that there is much cause for gratification in that they are able to report that every case and every application for assistance which came within their jurisdiction has been met and satisfactorily dealt with. No extraordinary emergency has arisen within our borders and it would seem that conditions are now more nearly normal than they have been for some years.

The total expenditure made by the committee as from February, 1925, to February, 1926, amounted to \$7,857.82, closely approximating that of last year. The number of beneficiaries remains practically the same. A few have passed on to their rest and a few have taken their place on our list. One or two old cases have had to be taken on again. We still have the care of three orphan families, one of which we expect this year may be in a position to carry on by themselves.

The success which the committee has had in adjusting difficult and often delicate matters, is largely due to the tactful, sympathetic and painstaking manner in which the Grand Secretary has conducted the correspondence and negotiations in carrying out the directions of the committee. Even during his illness this winter, he managed to carry on the work without allowing any delays to occur. This naturally involves a good deal of work and time and if it were not for the able assistance freely given by brethren in other jurisdictions, it would be almost impossible to keep in touch with some of our dependents who reside in distant points. The Benevolence Committee owe more than they can express in mere words for this willing assistance. We are deeply indebted to W. Bro. Withrow, now residing in Winnipeg, R.W. Bro. L. E. Frith, D.D.G.M. of Vancouver, B.C., and R.W. Bro. A. E. Parker, D.D.G.M. District No. 11, Grand Lodge of B.C. at Prince Rupert, B.C. These brethren have been wonderfully kind and patient as well as painstaking in making inquiries and giving all assistance in their power to the cases referred to them. No doubt it was often inconvenient and took time that was valuable to make personal visits, make arrangements and gather information so that the committee could be kept in close touch with all the circumstances. Such service has been given in every case freely, cheerfully and without stint. To these brethren this Grand Lodge owes a debt of gratitude.

The committee meeting regularly every month, was able to dispose of all matters as they came up with perhaps one exception; that of a brother who is a returned soldier suffering from tuberculosis. This is a case for pension adjustment more than anything else, and inquiry revealed that proper and energetic steps were being taken by another organization especially equipped to deal with such matters. It was deemed advisable to leave it entirely with them, but it may be necessary to consider the case from our own standpoint. In the past, we have had three or four such cases. One, regarding which we had much correspondence and a good deal of anxiety and towards which we gave material assistance, has been at last satisfactorily adjusted and the committee had the pleasure of receiving a kind letter of appreciation for the efforts made and assistance given.

Last year, the committee mentioned in their report that there were many children on the list of the beneficiaries. Now of the entire number there will be some who have shown ability in one direction or another in their school work. We make the suggestion that where ability is shown, that such a child should be given an opportunity to develop it. As it is, the Benevolence Committee carries them to the point where they can be self-supporting, then its duty ceases. Grand Lodge might well consider the propriety of the inauguration of some system whereby children, who have given evidence of ability, might be able to complete their education.

All the cases which have come under our care so far, are such as call for the maintenance of the aged, assistance to widows and children of deceased brethren, or assistance to those incapacitated by reason of ill-health or other causes, but applications which have been made from other sources, we find that unemployment has much to do with many of the difficulties that face the unfortunate. Many such cases have been taken care of by the brethren, either individually or through the lodges, and employment has been found, but at best it is haphazard and not always a success. A brother or the widow and children of a brother may often be set on their feet if employment could be found. Employment Bureaus are established in some jurisdictions and have been operated with a fair amount of success. We would suggest that this feature of Masonic relief should be given attention and might be made the subject of investigation by a committee.

In conclusion, your committee wishes to state that they have found that the regulations under which the benevolent fund is administered are working out satisfactorily and that in every case they have had the hearty co-operation of the lodges and the brethren.

Fraternally submitted,

J. H. W. S. KEMMIS,
Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of M.W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis (6), seconded by R.W. Bro. John Gillespie (1), "That the report of the Committee on Benevolence be received and adopted."

BENEFICIARIES OF GRAND LODGE

January 31, 1925, to February 1, 1926

- Bro. A. A. Hospital bill \$15.00.
- Mrs. E. D. B. Widow with four small children. Grant of \$50.00.
- Mrs. A. B. Widow with one child. Grant of \$20.00 a month for three months.
- Mrs. M. B. Aged widow. Grant of \$20.00.
- Mrs. G. B. R. B. Husband deserted; entirely without funds. Grant of \$20.00 a month for nine months.
- Mrs. J. B. Widow with four children. Grant of \$10.00 a month.
- Mrs. S. E. B. Widow. Taxes on property \$32.83, and grant of \$30.00 a month.
- Bro. B. B. Grant of \$15.00 a month for five months; now deceased.
- Mrs. H. G. B. Widow with four children. Grant of \$17.50 a month.
- Bro. J. M. C. Unable to work. Has a wife and four children to support. Grant of \$25.00 a month.

- Mrs. M. D. C. Widow with three children. Grant of \$10.00 a month.
Bro. J. H. C. Has been ill for some time. Grant of \$25.00.
Mrs. K. C. Widow with five children. Grant of \$25.00 a month.
Bro. H. T. C. Widower ill with incurable disease. Grant of \$10.00 a month.
Four orphan children of the late Bro. J. C. Grant of \$15.00 a month.
Mrs. W. B. D. Widow with one child. Grant of \$10.00 a month.
Bro. E. D. Had parts of his fingers on both hands frozen and amputated. Grant of \$25.00.
Mrs. E. E. Widow unable to work owing to continued sickness. Grant of \$20.00 a month.
Bro. J. W. E. Seriously ill in hospital. Grant of \$30.00 a month for five months.
Bro. F. W. F. Has had a hard struggle owing to trade depression, and is suffering from arthritis. Grant of \$50.00.
Bro. W. G. Ill and unfit to do any work. Grant of \$20.00 a month for six months.
Mrs. J. G. Widow with two children. Grant of \$50.00.
Three orphan children of the late Bro. J. G., killed in action. Grant of \$10.00 a month.
Mrs. M. E. G. Widow with one child. Grant of \$50.00.
Mrs. E. G. Widow with two children. Grant of \$250.00.
Bro. J. W. H. Grant of \$12.50 a month for four months.
Mrs. J. H. Widow with six children. Grant of \$25.00.
Mrs. H. E. H. Widow with one child. Grant of \$20.00.
Bro. R. J. Ill with incurable disease. Has aged widowed mother to support. Grant of \$15.00 a month.
Mrs. S. J. An aged widow. Grant of \$57.00.
Mrs. W. J. Deserted by husband. Has one child. Grant of \$25.00 a month.
Mrs. H. M. Deserted by husband. Has a family of three children. Grant of \$80.00.
Mrs. W. S. M. Widow with three children. Grant of \$10.00 a month.
Mrs. A. M. Widow with two children. Grant of \$15.00 a month.
Mrs. E. M. Widow with four children, three dependent. Grant of \$20.00 a month.
Mrs. J. M. Widow with one child. Grant of \$25.00 a month.
Bro. D. L. M. An aged brother having no earning capacity. Now deceased. Grant of \$25.00 a month for ten months.
Mrs. H. G. McC. Widow with two children. Given free use of house, including light, heat and water.
Mrs. L. McC. Widow with one child. Grant of \$15.00 a month.
Mrs. W. R. McL. Widow with one son. Grant of \$50.00.
Bro. R. P. An aged brother having no earning capacity. Grant of \$50.00.
Bro. A. H. P. Aged brother without relatives. Grant of \$35.00 a month.
Bro. R. C. P. Temporary assistance on account of illness. Grant of \$75.00.
Bro. J. R. Ill with incurable disease. Has a wife and four children. Grant of \$12.50 a month.
Bro. P. R. An aged brother in distressed financial circumstances. Grant of \$25.00 a month.
Mrs. D. R. R. Grant of \$20.00 a month for six months.
Bro. C. A. R. Ill and in distressed circumstances. Grant of \$50.00.
Mrs. R. R. Widow. Grant of \$50.00.
Bro. and Mrs. H. S. Aged couple. Grant of \$290.00.
Mrs. S. Temporary grant of \$10.00.

Bro. C. A. S. An aged brother in failing health and straightened circumstances. Grant of \$50.00.
 Mrs. W. E. W. Husband in mental hospital. Grant of \$25.00.
 Bro. A. J. W. Ill with incurable disease. Grant of \$60.00.
 Three orphan children of the late Bro. J. D. W. Grant of \$25.00 a month.
 Bro. J. W. Ill for some time. Grant of \$50.00.
 Mrs. S. E. W. Continuance of grant of \$20.00 a month.
 Total.....\$7,857.82

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND NEW LODGES

Banff, June 9, 1926.

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on Charters and New Lodges beg leave to present the following report:

Six lodges working under dispensation have made application to Grand Lodge for a charter, namely:

Drumheller Lodge, at Drumheller.
 Efficiency Lodge, at Hughenden.
 Gratton Lodge, at Irma.
 Ivanhoe Lodge, at Edmonton.
 Jasper Park Lodge, at Jasper.
 St. Alban's Lodge, at St. Paul de Metis.

We have examined carefully all books and returns submitted by these lodges and find them generally in good order. The historical registers and minute books are neatly written up. This is particularly true of Ivanhoe Lodge, its historical register being exceedingly good. There are a few exceptions to the foregoing general statement. These we desire to call to the attention of the lodges interested in order that they may make the necessary corrections. In the case of Gratton Lodge, the historical register is not complete and the minutes of the meeting held on September 28, 1925, have not been signed by the W.M. In the case of Hughenden Lodge, we find that a lead pencil has been used in signing the attendance register. Two meetings were held by this lodge without the necessary quorum, and evidently they held no meeting in April last, at least there are no minutes of any such meeting. The membership register is not written up. This lodge is meeting in a church, using the basement for ante-room, and we feel it is one of those cases where enthusiasm and desire almost surpass necessity and ability. However, it is recommended for a charter by the D.D.G.M. and we would suggest that it be considered, but that this lodge receive the special attention and most kindly consideration and help of the incoming D.D.G.M. In the case of Ivanhoe Lodge, we note that the D.D.G.M. states that the W.M. cannot confer the degrees, and we also observe that they have five Past Masters on the membership roll; consequently this condition should not exist in a lodge of this importance. We suggest that the D.D.G.M. give his attention to this matter before the lodge is constituted.

We believe the above matters will be given due attention and that these lodges will become active integral factors in the Masonic life of our Grand Jurisdiction, and fully maintain our highest traditions and ideals. We would therefore recommend that a charter be issued to each of the above mentioned lodges.

Fraternally submitted,

S. M. SNEDDEN,
SAM. J. BLAIR,
GEORGE LOMAS,
SAM. HARRIS,
L. S. CROSBY,
Committee.

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. S. M. Snedden (91), seconded by R.W. Bro. S. Harris (88), "That the report of the Committee on Charters and New Lodges be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

Banff, June 9, 1926.

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on the Grand Master's Address desire to congratulate him on the successful completion of a year of arduous work in Masonic service. The Grand Master makes fitting reference to the progress made by the Craft in Alberta during the twenty-one years that represents the life of this Grand Lodge. The 1,206 members who in 1905 constituted this Grand Lodge having increased to 140 chartered lodges and 12,672 members, is a record of which we can be justly proud.

Although the Grand Master had many pressing duties of his own he still found time to attend every one of the fifteen district meetings, which we are glad to find are becoming a recognized institution in our Masonic structure.

We are pleased that the Grand Master commends the extension of the library scheme among the lodges, and emphasizes the need of Masonic education. While it will be some time before we can measure results, yet we do not doubt that in due time the seed thus sown will bring forth abundant returns.

We are glad the Grand Master was able to make the long trip to our famous Peace River and Grande Prairie districts. Past Grand Masters can endorse every sentence of his reference to that lovely country and those splendid hospitable brethren who live there.

The Grand Master's appointment of a committee to study the question of planning for buildings suitable for lodge purposes, is a very commendable one. The planning, financing and building of Masonic Temples requires careful investigation and study. The result of the labors of this committee will be awaited with interest and should be of great advantage to the Craft.

Another recommendation in which we heartily concur is that at District Meetings some part of the time should be devoted to our constitution, and also may we add, to our ancient customs, regulations and landmarks.

We note his kindly and sympathetic reference to the impaired health of our Grand Secretary, and hope with him that, "With a well deserved holiday he will soon regain his accustomed health."

Fraternally submitted,

W. J. BOTTERILL,
Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of M.W. Bro. W. J. Botterill (29), seconded by R.W. Bro. S. J. Byers (96), "That the report of the Committee on the Grand Master's Address be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT

Banff, June 9, 1926.

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

Your committee on the report of our Grand Secretary note with great pleasure the results of his year of earnest work and consider his report to be a matter of sincere congratulation.

We note that there were 231 suspensions for non-payment of dues during the year and while we feel that this number is not large in proportion to the total membership in the jurisdiction we trust that the individual lodges will take measures further to reduce this number during the coming year.

Of the 419 brethren reported as dimitted, your committee hope that this number principally represents transfers of these brethren to other districts within the jurisdiction.

We feel that the matter of building up Masonic libraries in the lodges should be kept constantly before the officers of the lodges in the jurisdiction as well as the use of the circulating library which is at their disposal.

We must express gratification at the number of official visits paid during the year to District Meetings and the benefits which must have accrued to the districts visited.

We appreciate the increase in the value that is being derived from the work of the District Deputy Grand Masters and endorse the expressions of gratitude made in the address.

Fraternally submitted,

GEO. BEART,
C. H. ROBINSON,
Committee.

Resolved, on motion of V.W. Bro. Geo. Beart (63), seconded by R.W. Bro. Thos. Sharpe (23), "That the report of the Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report, be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MASONIC RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on Masonic Research and Education beg to report as follows:

At the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, the committee made six recommendations, which were unanimously adopted.

1. (a) That the establishment, maintenance and augmentation of Masonic Libraries by the subordinate lodges be promoted and largely encouraged, the effects on the Craft in the lodges which have established libraries having proved very beneficial.

Taking advantage of the district meetings as a medium for the dissemination of information regarding lodge libraries, your committee at each meeting urged upon the brethren the wisdom of securing carefully selected Masonic books and furnished the secretary of each lodge with such a list, including the price of each book. The lodges were asked to place an order with the Grand Secretary not later than December 1st. A combined order was sent to the Masonic Service Association of the United States, Washington, D.C. A liberal discount was obtained on the list price of the books. These books were distributed to the various lodges at their actual cost, including the customs duty and sales tax. Twenty-four lodges took advantage of the offer and purchased books costing in the aggregate, \$481.25. It is the intention of your committee to follow a similar plan this year and hope many more lodges will avail themselves of this opportunity to purchase additional books at a minimum of cost and effort.

(b) That the Grand Lodge Circulating Library be considerably enlarged to meet the growing demands upon it.

There are now twenty-six sets of three books each, available for the use of our lodges upon application to the Grand Librarian. There has not been so great a demand for these sets as in former years owing, no doubt to the increase in lodge libraries throughout the jurisdiction. The ideal condition is a well equipped library in every lodge room.

(c) That adequate additions be made to the Grand Lodge reference library from time to time so that the same may gradually be built up to meet the needs and convenience of Masonic students in the jurisdiction.

A number of valuable books have been added to this library during the year. Masonic students are urged to take advantage of our well equipped library which is available every week day during office hours.

2. The establishment of Study Clubs in the larger centers and elsewhere as may be practicable.

Clubs are now being organized for the study of the history, philosophy and symbolism of Freemasonry in a number of cities and towns and your committee hope the study side of Freemasonry will soon occupy the prominent place in the minds of our brethren collectively and individually, which its importance merits.

3. The qualifying for and establishment of lecture courses by competent brethren.

This should be the natural outcome of our study courses and individual reading. We find that brethren with a Masonic message are in frequent demand and usually generous in their response. Lodges are realizing that in order to secure and maintain an interest in Freemasonry, they must do more than confer the three degrees upon their candidates.

4. That the Grand Lodge issue a quarterly bulletin to its membership.

Action was deferred for another year in this regard. Your committee are, however, of the opinion that this should be put into effect at an early date.

5. That the work of compiling a history of Masonry in Alberta including the history thereof from the earliest times, as well as that subsequent to the formation of this Grand Lodge, be proceeded with at once and completed for presentation at the twenty-fifth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge.

This is doubtless receiving the attention of the Grand Historian and we hope with the earnest co-operation of the brethren generally, will be completed and ready for presentation at the time specified.

6. That to carry on its work for the ensuing year, the committee to expend the sum or sums not to exceed in aggregate \$500.00.

No expenditure, except the usual allowance for the purchase of books, has been made by the committee during the past year. We recommend, however, that the amount specified be available by the committee to the extent that the same may be deemed necessary.

Faternally submitted,

S. Y. TAYLOR,
Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of M.W. Bro. F. S. Selwood (28), seconded by R.W. Bro. S. N. Snedden (91), "That the report of the Committee on Masonic Research and Education be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD

Banff, July 9, 1926

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

At this, the close of another Masonic year, we pause in the midst of our labors to recall the memories of those of our fraternity who, since our last communication, have passed to the Great Beyond. Of our mem-

bers, one hundred and one have been called hence, called to that higher sphere of life for which our Order is the great preparation room. Our Fraternal Dead! The beginning and the ending! What a beautiful thought! A thought borne of that spirit of comradeship, of that traditional love and helpfulness which characterises our Order wherever found. In it there is pictured the great drama of life. There is the birth, the physical growth, the mental development, the sunset and the balmy eve. We cherish the memories of those of our brethren whom we mourn today. We pay homage to the works they have performed, to the deeds they have done for the welfare of our great institution. Our Order is the better because of their having been here. To the lodges where these brethren labored we extend our deepest sympathy; to the relatives and friends our heartfelt sorrows go out. We come with a message of hope, a message of cheer and fraternal good will. Let us then bow our heads in silent prayer while we contemplate as well the closing hours of our existence and imprint upon our minds the noble lives lived and the splendid examples set by our departed brethren. And as we turn our faces to the future let us continue to discharge our allotted task with faithfulness and cheerfulness so that when we shall have cast aside the habiliments of this transitory life we shall be received into that Grand Lodge above, where the bright Morning Star of Hope liveth and ruleth forever.

Fraternally submitted,

GEO. A. STEWART,
Acting Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of V. W. Bro. Geo. A. Stewart (24), seconded by R.W. Bro. Geo. T. MacGregor (110), "That the Report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead be received, and the sympathy of Grand Lodge assured to all affected lodges and Grand Lodges."

CALLED FROM LABOR

Grand Lodge was called from Labor to Refreshment at 5.30 o'clock p.m.

Second Day**Morning Session**

LABOR RESUMED

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 9.00 o'clock a.m.

MOTIONS

The following motion, of which due notice was given, was moved by M.W. Bro. F. S. Selwood (28), and seconded by M.W. Bro. S. J. Blair (9):

"That the rank of Honorary Past Junior Grand Warden be conferred on V.W. Bro. R. G. Brett."

The motion was put to the meeting and declared "carried unanimously."

The following motion, of which due notice was given was moved by Bro. Lewis Monkley (2), and seconded by W. Bro. Andrew Baillie (35):

"That Section 229 of the Constitution relating to Life Membership be amended by adding the following sub-section after sub-section (d): (e) After twenty-five consecutive years as ordinary dues-paying member, \$2.00."

The motion was put to the meeting and declared "carried."

The following motion of which due notice was given, was moved by M.W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis (6), and seconded by M.W. Bro. F. S. Selwood (28):

"That Section 23 of the Constitution be amended by striking out the word "second" in the second line thereof and substituting the word "first" in its place and stead."

The motion was put to the meeting and declared "lost."

Resolved on motion of M.W. Bro. F. S. Selwood (28), seconded by R.W. Bro. T. F. English (23), "That the thanks of the visiting brethren be extended to the brethren of Banff for their kind hospitality to the visiting brethren and their ladies during this communication of Grand Lodge."

Resolved on motion of V.W. Bro. Geo. Beart (63), seconded by V.W. Bro. Marcus C. Wright (142), "That the Grand Tyler is paid the sum of \$15.00 and his expenses for his services at this communication of Grand Lodge."

Resolved on motion of M.W. Bro. F. S. Selwood (28), seconded by R.W. Bro. S. H. Middleton (58), "That this Grand Lodge tended to R.W. Bro. Densmore, our sympathy concerning the injuries sustained by him while journeying to this meeting, and our hope for a speedy recovery."

Resolved on motion of R.W. Bro. Sam Harris (88), seconded by R.W. Bro. H. B. Fuller (65), "That an allowance of one hundred dollars be made to the Building Committee, appointed by the Grand Master, for probable expenses to be incurred during the year."

PLACE OF MEETING

The City of Calgary was unanimously chosen as the place of meeting for our next Annual Communication.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The time having arrived for the election of officers, the M.W. the Grand Master appointed M.W. Bro. F. S. Selwood, R.W. Bro. S. M. Snedden, V.W. Bro. H. R. Chauncey, V.W. Bro. W. H. Chappell, R.W. Bro. L. S. Crosby and W. Bro. Wm. Ireland, a Board of Scrutineers.

The Committee on Credentials reported as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS
AND RECEPTION

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F. & A. M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on Credentials and Reception beg to report that the various lodges named in the attached schedule are entitled to the representation in Grand Lodge therein enumerated opposite their respective numbers and names.

We find, there are present at this communication, sixty-two Worshipful Masters, fourteen Senior Wardens, ten Junior Wardens, one hundred and ten Past Masters and one hundred and twenty-six other members and visitors.

That seventy-three Lodges are represented by their installed officers, three by Past Masters only, thirty-two by proxies and thirty-seven are without representation.

That the total number of votes is four hundred and twenty-five.

No.	Name of Lodge	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Pr'xy	Total V'tes
1.	Bow River	3	..	..	5	..	8
2.	Medicine Hat	..	..	3	..	..	3
3.	Alberta	..	..	..	1	3	4
4.	North Star	3	..	..	1	..	4
5.	Cascade	2	1	..	3	..	6
6.	Spitzie	..	..	..	1	..	1
7.	Edmonton	3	..	..	3	..	6
8.	Innisfail	..	..	..	2	3	5
9.	Perfection	3	..	..	4	..	7
10.	Eureka	..	..	..	1	3	4
11.	Acacia	3	..	..	2	..	5
12.	Red Deer	..	..	3	1	..	4
13.	Victoria	..	..	..	..	..	..
14.	Jasper	3	..	..	2	..	5
15.	Wetaskiwin	3	..	..	1	..	4
16.	Mountain View	2	1	..	..	..	3

No.	Name of Lodge	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Pr'xy	Total V'tes
17.	Nanton	3	..	..	1	..	4
18.	Britannia	1	..	..	1	3	4
19.	Cornerstone	3	..	..	1	..	4
20.	Carstairs	..	..	..	1	..	1
21.	King Hiram	..	2	1	1	..	4
22.	Corinthian	3	..	..	..	..	3
23.	Calgary	..	..	..	5	3	8
24.	Vermilion	3	..	..	1	..	4
25.	St. John's	..	..	..	1	3	4
26.	Sentinel	3	..	..	2	..	5
27.	Apollo	..	..	3	1	..	4
28.	Ashlar	2	1	..	6	..	9
29.	Kenilworth	..	..	..	1	3	4
30.	Summit	3	..	..	..	..	3
31.	Doric	..	..	..	..	..	..
32.	Cairo	..	..	..	1	3	4
33.	Stavely	3	..	..	1	..	4
34.	Star of the West	3	..	..	2	..	5
35.	Mizpah	3	..	..	..	..	3
36.	Gleichen	2	1	..	..	..	3
37.	Camrose	3	..	..	1	..	4
38.	Hope	3	..	..	1	..	4
39.	Lethbridge	3	..	..	1	..	4
40.	Joppa	3	..	..	..	..	3
41.	King Solomon	..	..	..	1	3	4
42.	Bowden	..	..	..	1	..	1
43.	Tuscan	3	..	..	1	..	4
44.	Buffalo Park	3	..	..	..	..	3
45.	Ionic	1	1	1	1	..	4
46.	Palestine	3	..	..	1	..	4
47.	Chinook	..	..	..	1	3	4
48.	Crossfield	..	..	..	..	..	..
49.	Robert Burns	..	..	..	1	3	4
50.	Comet	..	..	..	..	..	..
51.	Unity	3	..	..	2	..	5
53.	Strathmore	3	..	..	..	..	3
54.	Mount Lebanon	3	..	..	..	..	3
55.	Bassano	2	1	..	2	..	5
56.	Beaver	..	..	..	..	..	..
57.	Grassy Lake	..	..	..	1	3	4
58.	Chief Mountain	..	..	..	1	3	4
59.	King George	3	..	..	3	..	6
60.	Acme	2	1	..	..	..	3
61.	Provost	3	..	..	..	..	3
62.	Coal	3	..	..	..	..	3
63.	Empire	3	..	..	2	..	5
64.	Bow Island	..	..	..	1	3	4
65.	Diamond City	..	..	..	2	3	5
66.	St. Andrew's	..	..	..	..	..	..
67.	Charity	..	..	..	1	3	4
68.	Edson	..	..	3	1	..	4
69.	Connaught	..	..	..	1	3	4
70.	Quarry	3	..	..	..	..	3

No.	Name of Lodge	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Pr'xy	Total V'tes
71.	Tawatinaw	..	..	..	..	..	..
72.	Coronation	..	..	..	..	..	..
73.	Brooks	..	..	..	..	..	..
74.	Vulcan	3	..	..	..	..	3
75.	Harmony	..	..	3	..	..	3
76.	Fidelity	..	..	..	2	3	5
77.	Strathcona	3	..	..	2	..	5
78.	Hanna	..	..	..	..	..	..
79.	Morning Star	3	..	..	1	..	4
80.	Excelsior	3	..	..	1	..	4
81.	Commercial	3	..	..	..	..	3
82.	Acadia	..	..	..	..	..	..
83.	Zetland	3	..	..	..	..	3
84.	Champion	3	..	..	1	..	4
85.	Suffield	..	..	..	..	..	..
86.	Rocky Mountain	..	..	..	1	3	4
87.	Crescent	2	1	..	2	..	5
88.	Wahpun	..	..	..	1	3	4
89.	Peace River	..	..	..	1	3	4
90.	Norwood	3	..	..	..	..	3
91.	Patricia	2	..	1	3	..	6
92.	Saskatchewan	3	..	..	..	..	3
93.	Symbol	3	..	..	..	..	3
94.	Lamont	..	..	..	..	..	..
95.	Kitchener	..	..	..	1	3	4
96.	Dynamic	..	..	..	..	..	..
97.	Albion	..	..	..	..	..	..
98.	Hand Hill	3	..	..	..	..	3
99.	Mount Moriah	..	..	..	..	..	..
100.	Warner	3	..	..	..	..	3
101.	West Edmonton	3	..	..	..	..	3
102.	Edgerton	..	..	..	..	..	..
103.	Foremost	3	..	..	..	..	3
104.	Oyen	3	..	..	..	..	3
105.	Grande Prairie	..	..	..	..	..	..
106.	Lake Saskatoon	..	..	..	..	..	..
107.	Carbon	..	..	..	1	3	4
108.	Pyramid	..	..	..	..	..	..
109.	Ancient Landmark	..	..	..	..	..	..
110.	Kilwinning	..	..	..	1	3	4
111.	Nobleford	..	..	..	..	..	..
112.	Victory	..	..	..	..	..	..
113.	Cyprus	3	..	..	1	..	4
114.	Westlock	..	..	..	2	3	5
115.	Crocus	..	3	..	1	..	4
116.	Spirit River	..	..	..	..	3	3
117.	Dominion	3	..	..	..	..	3
118.	St. Mark's	..	..	..	1	3	4
119.	York	3	..	..	..	..	3
120.	Monitor	..	..	..	..	..	..
121.	Clive	..	..	..	1	3	4
122.	Rising Sun	..	..	..	..	..	..
123.	Rockyford	..	..	..	1	3	4
124.	Concord	3	..	..	1	..	4

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125.	Cavell	..	..	3	..	..	3
126.	Pembina	..	..	..	..	..	..
127.	Granite	..	..	..	..	..	..
128.	Forestburg	3	..	..	1	..	4
129.	Meridian	..	3	..	..	..	3
130.	Hussar	..	..	..	1	3	4
131.	Kitscoty	..	..	..	..	..	..
132.	Craigmyle	..	..	..	..	..	..
133.	Manyberries	..	..	..	..	3	3
134.	Renfrew	..	..	..	1	3	4
135.	Alliance	..	3	..	..	..	3
136.	Crescent	..	..	..	..	..	..
137.	Irricana	..	..	..	..	..	..
138.	Onoway	..	..	..	..	..	..
139.	Melrose	3	..	..	..	..	3
140.	Big Valley	..	..	..	..	..	..
U.D.	Efficiency	..	..	..	..	..	..
U.D.	Jasper Park	..	..	..	..	..	..
U.D.	Gratton	..	..	..	..	..	..
U.D.	Ivanhoe	..	3	..	1	..	4
U.D.	St. Alban's	1	1	1	..	..	3
U.D.	Drumheller	..	..	..	..	..	..
		174	23	22	110	96	425

Resolved, on motion of M.W. Bro. S. J. Blair (9), seconded by R.W. Bro. Sam Harris (88), "That the report of the Committee on Credentials and Reception be received and adopted."

The election of Grand Lodge Officers was then proceeded with, and the results, including the various District Deputy Grand Masters who had been elected at their District Meetings and whose election was confirmed by the M.W. the Grand Master, were as follows:

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS, 1926

M.W. Bro. Thomas Frederick English (23)	Grand Master
R.W. Bro. Geo. E. Cruickshank (26)	Deputy Grand Master
R.W. Bro. Alexander M. Mitchell (77)	Senior Grand Warden
R.W. Bro. Samuel H. Middleton (58)	Junior Grand Warden
R.W. Bro. Thos. Sharpe (23)	Grand Treasurer
M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor (28)	Grand Secretary
R.W. Bro. James R. Flan (1)	Grand Registrar
R.W. Bro. Robert H. Lyttle (55)	Grand Chaplain
R.W. Bro. P. Fielding (38)	Grand Tyler

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

R.W. Bro. Hedley R. Chauncey (28), Calgary.....	D.D.G.M. No. 1 Dist.
R.W. Bro. Robert S. Wight (55), Bassano.....	D.D.G.M. No. 2 Dist.
R.W. Bro. Horace Rollans (69), Viking.....	D.D.G.M. No. 3 Dist.

R.W. Bro. William H. Jackson (8), Innisfail.....	D.D.G.M. No. 4 Dist.
R.W. Bro. John Ray Adams (79), Loughheed.....	D.D.G.M. No. 5 Dist.
R.W. Bro. John Steele Blake (17), Nanton.....	D.D.G.M. No. 6 Dist.
R.W. Bro. John Gilmore (67), Lethbridge	D.D.G.M. No. 7 Dist.
R.W. Bro. Robert Crichton (26), Hillcrest.....	D.D.G.M. No. 8 Dist.
R.W. Bro. John Richard Mackie (45), Alix.....	D.D.G.M. No. 9 Dist.
R.W. Bro. George A. Stewart (24), Vermilion.....	D.D.G.M. No. 10 Dist.
R.W. Bro. Watkin E. Watkins (84), Champion....	D.D.G.M. No. 11 Dist.
R.W. Bro. William Gilfillan (114), Westlock.....	D.D.G.M. No. 12 Dist.
R.W. Bro. Percy Hugh. Belcher (105), Grande Prairie	D.D.G.M. No. 13 Dist.
R.W. Bro. Martin L. Chapman (115), Chinook....	D.D.G.M. No. 14 Dist.
R.W. Bro. William Harte (113), Three Hills.....	D.D.G.M. No. 15 Dist.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

The following brethren were elected for the term of two years:

R.W. Bro. Melvin M. Downey (77)	Edmonton
R.W. Bro. Edwin G. Ironside (23)	Calgary
R.W. Bro. V. Harold Macaulay (59)	Calgary
R.W. Bro. Geo. Lomas (64)	Lethbridge

COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE

The following brethren were elected for the term of two years:

M.W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis (6)	Calgary
M.W. Bro. W. J. Botterill (29)	Red Deer
R.W. Bro. Geo. E. Cruickshank (26)	Hillcrest

APPOINTED OFFICERS

R.W. Bro. T. F. English (23), Grand Master-elect, announced the following appointments:

V.W. Bro. William R. Davis (23), Calgary.....	Senior Grand Deacon
V.W. Bro. William H. Hiscock (5), Banff	Junior Grand Deacon
V.W. Bro. Frank J. Smith (26), Hillcrest.....	Grand Organist
V.W. Bro. Alexander Riddick (51), Edmonton	Grand Director of Ceremonies
V.W. Bro. David A. Simpson (39), Lethbridge.....	Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. Walter E. Mercer (1), Calgary.....	Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. Archie M. McQuarrie (104), Oyen	Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. Robert MacLachlan (57), Grassy Lake.....	Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. Albert E. W. Roberts (106), Wembley.....	Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. Matthew Robbins (92), Edmonton.....	Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. William C. L. Cooper (136), Barons	Grand Pursuivant

CALLED FROM LABOR

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 12.30 o'clock p.m.

Second Day**Afternoon Session****LABOR RESUMED**

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 2.00 o'clock p.m.

The newly elected officers present were duly installed and the appointed officers invested by M.W. Bro. Norman E. Carruthers, Past Grand Alaster.

PRESENTATION

M.W. Bro. T. F. English, on behalf of Grand Lodge presented M.W. Bro. Norman E. Carruthers, Immediate Past Grand Master, with a complete set of Past Grand Master's regalia. M.W. Bro. Norman E. Carruthers expressed in fitting terms his appreciation of the appropriate gift just received.

GRAND LODGE CLOSED

The business of Grand Lodge being ended, the Twenty-First Annual Communication was closed in ample form at 4.00 o'clock p.m. with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.



S. Y. Taylor.

Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS, 1926

M.W. Bro. Thomas Frederick English (23).....	Grand Master
3901 5th St., W., Calgary.	
R.W. Bro. Geo. E. Cruickshank (26) Hillcrest.....	Deputy Grand Master
R.W. Bro. Hedley R. Chauncey (28)	D.D.G.M. No. 1 Dist.
116 8th Ave. E., Calgary.	
R.W. Bro. Robert S. Wight (55) Bassano	D.D.G.M. No. 2 Dist.
R.W. Bro. Horace Rollans (69) Viking.....	D.D.G.M. No. 3 Dist.
R.W. Bro. William H. Jackson (8) Innisfail	D.D.G.M. No. 4 Dist.
R.W. Bro. John Ray Adams (79) Loughheed	D.D.G.M. No. 5 Dist.
R.W. Bro. John Steele Blake (17) Nanton	D.D.G.M. No. 6 Dist.
R.W. Bro. John Gilmore (67) Lethbridge	D.D.G.M. No. 7 Dist.
R.W. Bro. Robert Crichton (26) Hillcrest	D.D.G.M. No. 8 Dist.
R.W. Bro. John Richard Mackie (45) Alix	D.D.G.M. No. 9 Dist.
R.W. Bro. George A. Stewart (24) Vermilion....	D.D.G.M. No. 10 Dist.
R.W. Bro. Watkin E. Watkins (84) Champion ..	D.D.G.M. No. 11 Dist.
R.W. Bro. William Gilfillan (114) Westlock.....	D.D.G.M. No. 12 Dist.
R.W. Bro. Percy Hugh Belcher (105) Grande Prairie	D.D.G.M. No. 13 Dist.
R.W. Bro. Martin L. Chapman (115) Chinook....	D.D.G.M. No. 14 Dist.
R.W. Bro. William Harte (113) Three Hills	D.D.G.M. No. 15 Dist.
R.W. Bro. Alexander M. Mitchell (77)	Senior Grand Warden
9831 93rd Ave. Edmonton.	
R.W. Bro. Samuel H. Middleton (58) Cardston..	Junior Grand Warden
R.W. Bro. Thos. Sharpe (23)	Grand Treasurer
216 17th Ave. W., Calgary.	
M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor (28)	Grand Secretary
12 Elma Block, Calgary.	
R.W. Bro. James R. Flan (1)	Grand Registrar
122 5th Ave. E., Calgary.	
R.W. Bro. Robert H. Lyttle (55) Edmonton.....	Grand Chaplain
V.W. Bro. William R. Davis (23)	Senior Grand Deacon
3819 8th St. S.W., Calgary.	
V.W. Bro. William H. Hiscocks (5) Banff	Junior Grand Deacon
V.W. Bro. Frank J. Smith (26) Hillcrest	Grand Organist
V.W. Bro. Alexander Riddick (51).....	Grand Director of Ceremonies
421 Empire Block, Edmonton.	
V.W. Bro. David A. Simpson (39) Lethbridge.....	Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. Walter E. Mercer (1)	Grand Steward
610 15th Ave. W., Calgary.	
V.W. Bro. Archie M. McQuarrie (104) Oyen	Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. Robert McLaughlin (57) Grassy Lake	Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. Albert E. W. Roberts (106) Wembley	Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. Matthew Robbins (92) Edmonton	Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. Wm. C. L. Cooper (136) Barons*	Grand Pursuivant
R.W. Bro. P. Fielding (38) Mulga	Grand Tyler

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

President	R.W. Bro. Geo. E. Cruickshank
Vice-President	R.W. Bro. Alex. M. Mitchell
Secretary	M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor

BY VIRTUE OF OFFICE

M.W. Bro. T. Fred English (23), Grand Master.....	Calgary
M.W. Bro. Geo. Macdonald (1), Past Grand Master	Calgary
M.W. Bro. H. C. Taylor (7), Past Grand Master	Edmonton
M.W. Bro. G. H. Hogbin (1), Past Grand Master....	Belize, Honduras
M.W. Bro. J. T. Macdonald (9), Past Grand Master.....	Calgary
M.W. Bro. Thos. McNabb (4), Past Grand Master	Turin
M.W. Bro. Robert Patterson (3), Past Grand Master	Macleod
M.W. Bro. S. J. Blair (9), Past Grand Master	Calgary
M.W. Bro. J. A. Jackson (18), Past Grand Master	Lethbridge
M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor (28), Past Grand Master.....	Calgary
M.W. Bro. E. T. Bishop (14) Past Grand Master.....	Edmonton
M.W. Bro. W. M. Connacher (9) Past Grand Master	Calgary
M.W. Bro. W. J. Botterill (29) Past Grand Master	Red Deer
M.W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis (6), Past Grand Master.....	Calgary
M.W. Bro. J. Watson Younge (37), Past Grand Master....	London, Ont.
M.W. Bro. Frederick S. Selwood (28), Past Grand Master.....	Calgary
M.W. Bro. Horace P. Reid (14), Past Grand Master.....	Edmonton
M.W. Bro. Norman E. Carruthers (10), Past Grand Master ...	Lacombe
M.W. Bro. E. A. Braithwaite (7), Past Grand Master.....	Edmonton
M.W. Bro. W. G. Scott (—), Past Grand Master	Winnipeg
M.W. Bro. R. S. Thornton (—), Past Grand Master....	Deloraine, Man.
R.W. Bro. Geo. E. Cruickshank (26), Deputy Grand Master....	Hillcrest
R.W. Bro. Alex. M. Mitchell (77), Senior Grand Warden....	Edmonton
R.W. Bro. Samuel H. Middleton (58), Junior Grand Warden..	Cardston
R.W. Bro. Thos. Sharpe (23), Grand Treasurer	Calgary
R.W. Bro. James R. Flan (1), Grand Registrar	Calgary

ELECTED BY GRAND LODGE

R.W. Bro. J. E. Johnson (134).....	Calgary
R.W. Bro. J. N. Rankin (1)	Calgary
R.W. Bro. Samuel Harris (88)	High Prairie
R.W. Bro. E. J. Flavin (11)	Edmonton
R.W. Bro. Melvin M. Downey (77)	Edmonton
R.W. Bro. Edwin G. Ironside (23)	Calgary
R.W. Bro. V. Harold Macaulay (59)	Calgary
R.W. Bro. Geo. Lomas (64)	Bow Island

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Sub-Committees:

- Jurisprudence—M.W. Bro. N. E. Carruthers (10), Chairman, and all other Past Grand Masters.
- Grievances and Appeals—M.W. Bro. W. J. Botterill (29), Chairman;
M.W. Bro. J. A. Jackson (18); R.W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell (77);
R.W. Bro. J. N. Rankin (1); R.W. Bro. J. E. Johnson (134);
R.W. Bro. E. G. Ironside (23); R.W. Bro. V. H. Macaulay (59);
R.W. Bro. S. H. Middleton (58); R.W. Bro. Geo. A. Stewart
(24).
- Condition of Masonry—R.W. Bro. Geo. E. Cruickshank (26), Chairman;
M.W. Bro. H. P. Reid (14); M.W. Bro. W. J. Botterill (29);
M.W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis (6); R.W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell
(77); R.W. Bro. S. H. Middleton (58); R.W. Bro. M. L. Chap-
man (115); R.W. Bro. E. J. Flavin (11).

- Finance—M.W. Bro. W. M. Connacher (9), Chairman; R.W. Bro. V. H. Macaulay (59); R.W. Bro. J. E. Johnson (134); R.W. Bro. E. G. Ironside (23); R.W. Bro. Geo. E. Cruickshank (26); R.W. Bro. M. M. Downey (77); R.W. Bro. Geo. Lomas (64).
- Foreign Relations and Correspondence—M.W. Bro. F. S. Selwood (28), Chairman.
- Masonic Research and Education—M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor (28), Chairman; M.W. Bro. E. T. Bishop (14); M.W. Bro. H. C. Taylor (7); M.W. Bro. F. S. Selwood (28); R.W. Bro. V. H. Macaulay (59); R.W. Bro. H. R. Chauncey (28); R.W. Bro. J. R. Flau (1); R.W. Bro. Thos. Sharpe (23).
- Charters and New Lodges—R.W. Bro. M. M. Downey (77), Chairman; M.W. Bro. S. J. Blair (9); R.W. Bro. Samuel Harris (88); R.W. Bro. E. J. Flavin (11); R.W. Bro. W. H. Jackson (8); R.W. Bro. Wm. Harte (113); R.W. Bro. Wm. Gilfillan (114); R.W. Bro. Percy H. Belcher (105).
- Credentials and Reception—M.W. Bro. S. J. Blair (9), Chairman; R.W. Bro. Robt. S. Wight (55); R.W. Bro. John R. Mackie (45); R.W. Bro. M. L. Chapman (115); R.W. Bro. Samuel Harris (88); R.W. Bro. John R. Adams (79); R.W. Bro. Horace Rollans (69); R.W. Bro. John S. Blake (17); R.W. Bro. John Gilmore (67); R.W. Bro. Robert Crichton (26); R.W. Bro. Geo. A. Stewart (24); R.W. Bro. Watkin E. Watkins (84); R.W. Bro. H. R. Chauncey (28).

S. Y. TAYLOR,
Grand Secretary

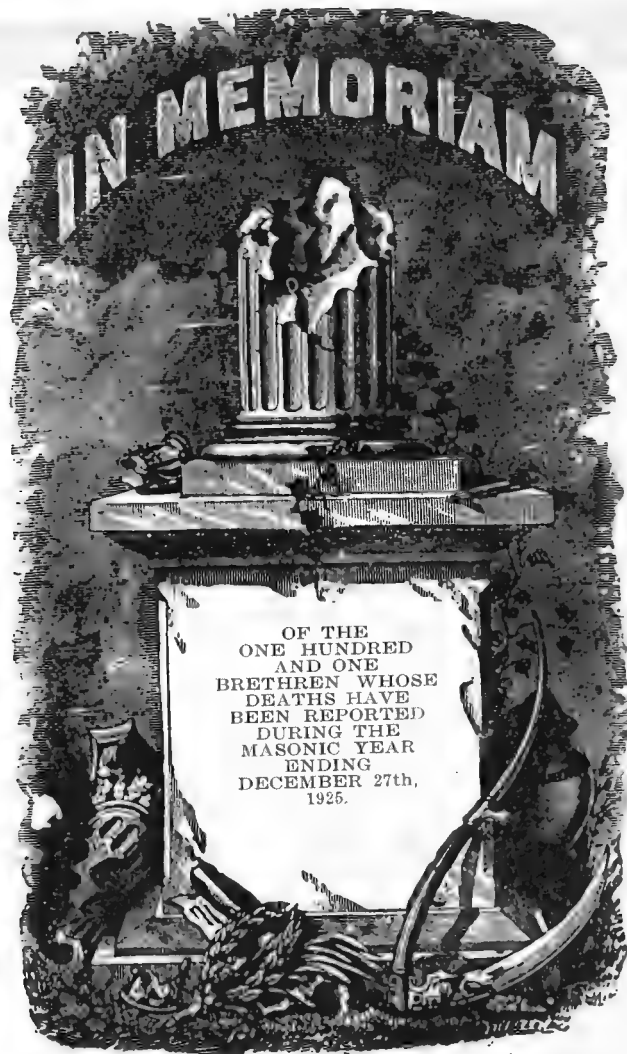


"Weep not that their toils are over,
Weep not that their race is run,
God grant we may rest as calmly when
Our work, like theirs, is done;
Till then we would yield with gladness
Our treasures to Him to keep,
And rejoice in the sweet assurance—
He giveth his loved ones asleep."

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Reverently Inscribed to the Honored Dead of Sister Jurisdictions.

Jurisdiction	Name and Rank	Date of Death
Arkansas	Lindsey, Felix G., P.G.M.	June 29, 1925
Colorado	Foster, Ernest Leneve, P.G.M.	Sept. 21, 1925
Delaware	Jones, George Massey, P.G.M.	Jan. 23, 1926
Delaware	Maull, Charles H., P.G.M.	Dec. 13, 1925
Delaware	Williams, George C., P.G.M.	Nov. 12, 1925
Florida	Cooper, Reginald Harry, P.G.M.	May 4, 1925
Florida	Wright, Silas B., P.G.M.	April 25, 1925
Georgia	Taylor, James W., P.G.M.	Dec. 15, 1925
Indiana	English, William Eastin, P.G.M.	April 29, 1926
Indiana	Niblack, Mason Jenks, P.G.M.	Jan. 3, 1926
Iowa	Arthur, Thomas, P.G.M.	Sept. 15, 1925
Iowa	Hutchinson, William, P.G.M.	Dec. 22, 1925
Kansas	McCall, Jas. H., P.G.M.	Aug. 11, 1925
Kansas	Stuart, William Ingram, P.G.M.	Nov. 27, 1925
Kentucky	Weathers, Earl Worthington, P.G.M.	Nov. 21, 1925
Louisiana	Ricks, Adolph Gustav, Grand Treasurer	Dec. 15, 1925
Montana	Clark, William Andrews, P.G.M.	March 2, 1925
Montana	Hedges, Cornelius, Jr., Grand Secretary	July 31, 1925
Montana	Lockey, Richard, Past Grand Treasurer	Dec. 17, 1924
Montana	Parchen, Henry Martin, P.G.M.	Oct. 6, 1925
Nebraska	Ehrhardt, John Adam, P.G.M.	Nov. 1, 1925
Nova Scotia	Lawson, J. Murray, P.G.M.	May 31, 1925
North Dakota	Stevens, Evarts C., Past Grand Treasurer	Sept. 1, 1925
Ohio	Clore, Joel Cave, P.G.M.	Mar. 5, 1926
Ohio	Irvin, Horace A., P.G.M.	May 13, 1925
Oregon	Williamson, Dr. Walter Thomas, P.G.M.	March 2, 1925
Saskatchewan	Cram, John Wilberforce, Grand Registrar	Feb. 8, 1926
Saskatchewan	Shaw, John Milton, Past Grand Secretary	March 25, 1926
Tennessee	Seay, George E., P.G.M.	Aug. 22, 1925
Texas	Nichols, William Hamilton, P.G.M.	May 18, 1925
Virginia	Cutchins, Sol, P.G.M.	May 14, 1925
Virginia	Duke, Thomas Walker, Jr., P.G.M.	March 8, 1926
Washington	Frater, Archibald Wanless, P.G.M.	Dec. 25, 1925
Wisconsin	Webb, Alvin Thomas, P.G.M.	Apr. 18, 1926



"The veil from their eyes is taken,
Sweet mysteries they are shown,
Their doubts and fears are over,
For they know as they are known.

"Sweet hours of peaceful waiting
Till the path that we have trod
Shall end at the Father's gateway,
And we are the guests of God."

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To the Honored Dead of our own Jurisdiction

No.	Lodge	Name	Date of Death
1.	Bow River	Smith, George	Jan. 18, 1925
1.	Bow River	Raby, George E.	Jan. 23, 1925
1.	Bow River	Nyman, Gus	May 4, 1925
1.	Bow River	Lane, George	Sept. 24, 1925
1.	Bow River	Lindsay, Neville J.	Dec. 17, 1925
2.	Medicine Hat	Murray, George	Jan. 12, 1925
2.	Medicine Hat	Johnston, William George	June 6, 1925
3.	Alberta	Kirk, Samuel John	Aug. 7, 1925
3.	Alberta	Murison, Darnley Liddell	Nov. 21, 1925
4.	North Star	Dawson, Harry	Dec. 3, 1925
5.	Cascade	Brett, Reginald H.	May 9, 1925
5.	Cascade	Morton, Alexander	Aug. 12, 1925
6.	Spitzie	Robinson, William	June 10, 1925
6.	Spitzie	McLaughlin, William Roy	Nov. 7, 1925
7.	Edmonton	Shearer, Alfred F.	March 17, 1925
8.	Innisfail	Wynne, Robert	Jan. 21, 1925
9.	Perfection	MacLeod, Daniel	Feb. 18, 1925
9.	Perfection	Piper, William Warren	March 10, 1925
9.	Perfection	McNeill, Malcolm, Patterson	April 8, 1925
10.	Eureka	Burris, William	Oct. 29, 1925
11.	Acacia	Lavall, John R.	Jan. 10, 1925
11.	Acacia	Wood, Wesley M.	Nov. 28, 1925
12.	Red Deer	Nicholls, Daniel Albert	Dec. 27, 1925
13.	Victoria	Bowden, William John	July 1, 1925
14.	Jasper	Johnston, Robert Henry	March 23, 1925
14.	Jasper	Starkie, Benjamin	April 2, 1925
16.	Mountain View	Fischer, William Ludwig	Aug. 27, 1925
17.	Nanton	Frantzen, John	Aug. 11, 1925
18.	Britannia	Owens, John Henry	Aug. 4, 1925
19.	Cornerstone	Grant, Hugh Allan	April 7, 1925
23.	Calgary	Allen, Barney	April 9, 1925
23.	Calgary	King, Aubrey T.	Nov. 6, 1925
23.	Calgary	Malcolm, Egbert Henry	Feb. 18, 1925

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25.	St. John's	Watt, Thomas	March 11, 1925
26.	Sentinel	Hutton, Hugh	Nov. 21, 1925
26.	Sentinel	May, Daniel	Nov. 14, 1925
27.	Apollo	Buckle, Barnett	Dec. 4, 1925
28.	Ashlar	Moore, James	Dec. 16, 1925
29.	Kenilworth	Ouimette, William Louis	Feb. 13, 1925
30.	Summit	Ouimette, William Louis	Feb. 13, 1925
31.	Doric	Huntrods, Eustace Stanley F. ...	Feb. 27, 1925
35.	Mizpah	Finch, James	Jan. 10, 1925
37.	Camrose	Scott, Walter	Feb. 16, 1925
38.	Hope	McKenzie, Francis Alex.	Sept. ., 1925
39.	Lethbridge	Kincheloe, Charles F.	June 22, 1925
39.	Lethbridge	Paterson, William	July 31, 1925
39.	Lethbridge	Thompson, Reginald Bruce	Nov. 29, 1925
40.	Joppa	McNaught, Matthew	Nov. 16, 1925
40.	Joppa	Farrier, James William	Dec. 16, 1925
41.	King Solomon ..	Bollons, John T.	July 30, 1925
43.	Tuscan	Kelly, Barney	Aug. 13, 1925
43.	Tuscan	McDougall, Malcolm	Sept. 8, 1925
44.	Buffalo Park	Aykroyd, Richard	Jan. 4, 1925
46.	Palestine	Seale, Robert Daniel	July 24, 1925
51.	Unity	West, William E.	Feb. 25, 1925
51.	Unity	Law, William	March 28, 1925
51.	Unity	Donnolly, George	April 26, 1925
51.	Unity	McPhee, Peter	Dec. 14, 1925
54.	Mount Lebanon ..	Mainwood, Herbert George	May 31, 1925
54.	Mount Lebanon ..	Sallows, Ernest George	April 22, 1925
54.	Mount Lebanon ..	Young, John Charles	Sept. 6, 1925
58.	Chief Mountain ..	Joslin, Charles Edward	June 23, 1925
59.	King George	Wiggins, Thomas A.	June 26, 1925
59.	King George	Nease, George S.	July 28, 1925
59.	King George	Summers, John A.	Nov. 5, 1925
63.	Empire	Wilson, Thomas H.	April 9, 1925
63.	Empire	Gillatley, Peter	Oct. 23, 1925
67.	Charity	Rosaine, Hermaine	May 23, 1925
71.	Tawatinaw	Dallas, Charles A.	March 20, 1925
74.	Vulcan	Fitzpatrick, Charles	July 14, 1925
76.	Fidelity	Grant, George Frederick	Aug. 22, 1925

76.	Fidelity	Shoemaker, Andrew A.	Oct.	2, 1925
77.	Strathcona	Wynn, Robert	Jan.	20, 1925
77.	Strathcona	Sutherland, William Heaman	Aug.	20, 1925
81.	Commercial	Wright, Morris E.	Jan.	5, 1925
81.	Commercial	Fair, William G.	Nov.	22, 1925
81.	Commercial	Dallison, Frank	Nov.	22, 1925
81.	Commercial	Morrey, Percy M.	Dec.	3, 1925
86.	Rocky Mountain	Bower, Andrew	June	6, 1925
87.	Crescent	Langston, Frederick F.	Sept.	24, 1925
87.	Crescent	LeBourneau, Benjamin	Oct.	14, 1925
90.	Norwood	Wilson, Thomas H.	April	9, 1925
90.	Norwood	Storie, Norman W.	March	8, 1925
91.	Patricia	De Silva, William B.	May	10, 1925
91.	Patricia	Collins, Hugh H.	Aug.	22, 1925
91.	Patricia	MacDonald, Robert C.	Nov.	28, 1925
91.	Patricia	Milne, James	Dec.	17, 1925
91.	Patricia	Dickinson, Edward F.	Jan.	16, 1925
97.	Albion	D'Albertanson, Leonard	Sept.	2, 1925
100.	Warner	Smith, Frank G.	March	20, 1925
101.	West Edmonton	Hall, Granville Jeremiah	July	21, 1925
107.	Carbon	Garrett, John	Aug.	3, 1925
118.	St. Mark's	Macaulay, Murdoch W.	Aug.	9, 1925
118.	St. Mark's	Cordingley, Stancliffe	Dec.	13, 1925
119.	York	Robinson, Frederick Carl	Oct.	27, 1925
122.	Rising Sun	Allan, William Jesse	July	18, 1925
122.	Rising Sun	Keast, William J.	Aug.	9, 1925
124.	Concord	George, Arnold F.	March	17, 1925
127.	Granite	Goulter, P. T.	Jan.	28, 1925
132.	Craigmyle	McCuish, Rufus A.	Sept.	5, 1925
138.	Onoway	Mutter, James Bowmore	Nov.	13, 1925

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No.	Lodge	Name	Date
1.	Bow River	Brooker, George Howard W....	Dec. 30, 1925
1.	Bow River	Collicutt, Frank Herbert	Dec. 30, 1925
1.	Bow River	Crandell, Edward Harry	Dec. 30, 1925
1.	Bow River	Mayhood, L. F.	Dec. 30, 1925
1.	Bow River	Palmer, Lewis Frederick	Dec. 30, 1925
1.	Bow River	Park, George	Dec. 30, 1925
1.	Bow River	Thomas, John	Dec. 30, 1925
1.	Bow River	Kinnisten, William C.	Dec. 30, 1925
3.	Alberta	Camies, Ernest Joseph	May 20, 1925
3.	Alberta	Jackson, John William	Oct. 21, 1925
4.	North Star	Leicester, Edward	Dec. 14, 1925
5.	Cascade	Ostheids, Gustav	Oct. 1, 1925
6.	Spitzie	Gilbert, Herbert	June 9, 1925
6.	Spitzie	Gunn, Harry A.	June 9, 1925
6.	Spitzie	Rae, Simon Edward	June 9, 1925
6.	Spitzie	Steel, Francis M.	June 9, 1925
6.	Spitzie	Lindsay, Frederick W.	June 9, 1925
6.	Spitzie	Alexander, George D.	June 9, 1925
6.	Spitzie	Taysum, Charles W.	Dec. 29, 1925
6.	Spitzie	McMurdo, Alexander B.	Dec. 29, 1925
6.	Spitzie	Steel, Martin Munro	Dec. 29, 1925
7.	Edmonton	Jarvis, Arthur H.	Dec. 8, 1925
7.	Edmonton	Brady, William D.	Dec. 8, 1925
9.	Perfection	Burn, Laurance Richard	May 19, 1925
9.	Perfection	Charman, James Harry	May 19, 1925
9.	Perfection	Doyle, James	May 19, 1925
9.	Perfection	Jewitt, Walter	May 19, 1925
9.	Perfection	Kinniburgh, Charles K.	May 19, 1925
9.	Perfection	Mottey, Malcombe Hunter	May 19, 1925
9.	Perfection	Moore, Chas. Henry George	May 19, 1925
9.	Perfection	Woodside, Charles Thomas	May 19, 1925
10.	Eureka	Pieper, Edward Charles	Dec. 2, 1925
10.	Eureka	Browne, William David	Dec. 2, 1925
10.	Eureka	Graham, William Frank	Dec. 2, 1925
10.	Eureka	Kerby, George	Dec. 2, 1925
10.	Eureka	McDonald, Donald	Dec. 2, 1925
10.	Eureka	McCormack, George	Dec. 2, 1925
10.	Eureka	Bagley, Ralphael V.	Dec. 2, 1925
13.	Victoria	Hughes, Charles Edward	March 10, 1925
13.	Victoria	Walker, Francis Austin	March 10, 1925
13.	Victoria	Driver, George Frederick	March 10, 1925
14.	Jasper	Cleland, John Gordon	June 8, 1925
14.	Jasper	Millar, John Henry	June 8, 1925
14.	Jasper	McCormick, James Patton	June 8, 1925
14.	Jasper	Reid, John Elmond	June 8, 1925
14.	Jasper	Turner, Herbert Graves	June 8, 1925
14.	Jasper	Philpot, Clarence John	Nov. 9, 1925
17.	Nanton	Roth, Albert Peter	May 15, 1925
17.	Nanton	Wight, George	May 15, 1925
17.	Nanton	Winsby, Thomas	May 15, 1925
17.	Nanton	Russell, William Gordon	May 15, 1925
17.	Nanton	Parker, Robert C.	May 15, 1925
17.	Nanton	McNeil, Alfred Whitney	May 15, 1925

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17.	Nanton	McDonald, Malcolm	May 15, 1925
17.	Nanton	Dunn, Felix Ewing George Ernest	May 15, 1925
17.	Nanton	Brydon, Reginald	May 15, 1925
17.	Nanton	Bundy, Clarence John Gustavus	May 15, 1925
18.	Britannia	Case, Frank C.	June 4, 1925
18.	Britannia	Rochfort Oswald John	Dec. 3, 1925
18.	Britannia	McCurdy, Arthur Hugh	Dec. 3, 1925
19.	Cornerstone	Leman, Percy George	June 18, 1925
19.	Cornerstone	Hamilton, Bert	June 18, 1925
19.	Cornerstone	McCorquodale, George Robt.	June 18, 1925
19.	Cornerstone	Cork, Percy	June 18, 1925
19.	Cornerstone	Gribble, Charles John	June 18, 1925
23.	Calgary	Medcraf, Francis Stephen	March 6, 1925
23.	Calgary	Parry, William Henry	March 6, 1925
23.	Calgary	Printz, John H.	March 6, 1925
23.	Calgary	Tamblin, Earl Ramson	March 6, 1925
23.	Calgary	Williams, Harry	March 6, 1925
24.	Vermilion	Cunningham, Roy	June 2, 1925
24.	Vermilion	Cundal, Robert Fletcher	June 2, 1925
28.	Ashlar	Waugh, Samuel Ralph	March 14, 1925
29.	Kenilworth	Leader, John J.	Oct. 6, 1925
29.	Kenilworth	Macbeth, John	Oct. 6, 1925
29.	Kenilworth	Patterson, William Geddes	Oct. 6, 1925
30.	Summit	Gill, John	Dec. 3, 1925
30.	Summit	Patterson, Adam	Dec. 3, 1925
30.	Summit	Lowden, Victor	Dec. 3, 1925
31.	Doric	Myers, Harold G.	March 10, 1925
31.	Doric	Johnstone, Osman N.	March 10, 1925
32.	Cairo	Thompson, Alfred Elliott	March 17, 1925
35.	Mizpah	Elliott, George W.	Dec. 15, 1925
35.	Mizpah	Bennett, Ed. D.	Dec. 15, 1925
36.	Gleichen	Walsh, William	Dec. 1, 1925
36.	Gleichen	Lyle, Walter Mack	Dec. 1, 1925
38.	Hope	Thompson, Roy P.	Sept. 1925
39.	Lethbridge	Caloren, Frederick Thos.	Dec. 17, 1925
39.	Lethbridge	Greig, Robert Wallace	Dec. 17, 1925
39.	Lethbridge	Morrow, Murdock E.	Dec. 17, 1925
41.	King Solomon	Quigley, Thomas	June 5, 1925
41.	King Solomon	King, George	June 5, 1925
44.	Buffalo Park	Wilson, Garnet Earle	Dec. 27, 1925
45.	Ionic	Dowswell, Fred	June 4, 1925
45.	Ionic	Barrett, John Richard Warren	June 4, 1925
46.	Palestine	Garvey, Francis Harry	Dec. 16, 1925
46.	Palestine	Archibald Sylvester C.	Dec. 16, 1925
46.	Palestine	Tetley, Reginald W. E.	Dec. 16, 1925
46.	Palestine	Trca, Frank	Dec. 16, 1925
49.	Robert Burns	Crysdale, Cecil Rainsford	Nov. 30, 1925
49.	Robert Burns	Frere, Eric Gray	Nov. 30, 1925
49.	Robert Burns	Hathaway, Jno. George Graham	Nov. 30, 1925
51.	Unity	Appleton, Harold	June 2, 1925
51.	Unity	Duncan, Ellwood Garnet	June 2, 1925
51.	Unity	Grant, William	June 2, 1925
51.	Unity	McPhee, Peter	June 2, 1925
51.	Unity	Scott, William	June 2, 1925
51.	Unity	Sutherland, Robinson	June 2, 1925

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54.	Mount Lebanon	Simpson, Thomas	April 14, 1925
54.	Mount Lebanon	Forbes, James S.	March 10, 1925
54.	Mount Lebanon	Leaney, Percy George	March 10, 1925
54.	Mount Lebanon	Maxey, William Macdonald	March 10, 1925
54.	Mount Lebanon	Moody, Walter Thomas	March 10, 1925
54.	Mount Lebanon	Willard, Otto A.	March 10, 1925
54.	Mount Lebanon	McArthur, Hector	June 9, 1925
56.	Beaver	Webb, W. H.	Aug. 5, 1925
58.	Chief Mountain	Morris, Albert Martin	Feb. 14, 1925
58.	Chief Mountain	Cairncross, George French	Feb. 14, 1925
58.	Chief Mountain	Henderson, William	Nov. 13, 1925
58.	Chief Mountain	Pickup, William S.	Nov. 13, 1925
58.	Chief Mountain	Hamilton, Gordon D.	Nov. 13, 1925
59.	King George	Davison, William	May 8, 1925
59.	King George	Baird, Thomas	May 8, 1925
59.	King George	Campbell, Raymond G.	Nov. 13, 1925
59.	King George	Schultz, Fred A.	Nov. 13, 1925
62.	Coal	Fraser, David A.	Feb. 19, 1925
62.	Coal	Fitzgerald, Maurice Le Moine	Feb. 19, 1925
62.	Coal	Alveberg, Sigvold Godfred	Feb. 19, 1925
63.	Empire	Jones, David	Dec. 7, 1925
63.	Empire	Greaves, Thomas	Dec. 7, 1925
63.	Empire	Allen, Ernest Victor	Dec. 7, 1925
63.	Empire	Wood, Daniel H.	Dec. 7, 1925
63.	Empire	Cuthill, George C.	Dec. 7, 1925
63.	Empire	Watt, Thomas	Dec. 7, 1925
63.	Empire	Taylor, Peter C.	Dec. 7, 1925
63.	Empire	Gee, Stanley C.	Dec. 7, 1925
63.	Empire	Truswell, Arthur G.	Dec. 7, 1925
63.	Empire	Pirie, William I.	Dec. 7, 1925
66.	St. Andrew's	Kimball, P. C.	March 5, 1925
71.	Tawatinaw	Wood, James Horace	Sept. 2, 1925
71.	Tawatinaw	Will, James H. B.	Sept. 2, 1925
71.	Tawatinaw	Fugett, Charles Albert	Sept. 2, 1925
71.	Tawatinaw	Smalley, Ellis E.	Sept. 2, 1925
71.	Tawatinaw	Mackie, Walter	Sept. 2, 1925
71.	Tawatinaw	Latta, Thomas Douglas M.	Dec. 4, 1925
71.	Tawatinaw	Lavall, Frank M.	Sept. 2, 1925
71.	Tawatinaw	Case, James E.	Sept. 2, 1925
71.	Tawatinaw	Richards, Warren	Sept. 2, 1925
71.	Tawatinaw	Cochrane, Hugh H.	Dec. 4, 1925
71.	Tawatinaw	Westerhoff, Robert	Sept. 2, 1925
72.	Coronation	Davis, Earl W.	Dec. 17, 1925
72.	Coronation	Sorenson, Richardt Bernhardt	Dec. 17, 1925
76.	Fidelity	Reay, John G.	Jan. 6, 1925
76.	Fidelity	Silverthorne, Alexander	Jan. 6, 1925
76.	Fidelity	Doherty, Thomas	Jan. 6, 1925
76.	Fidelity	Fraser, William Elliott	Dec. 29, 1925
80.	Excelsior	Burnett, James	Feb. 5, 1925
80.	Excelsior	O'Neill, John Norman	Feb. 5, 1925
80.	Excelsior	McKay, Thomas Ray	Feb. 5, 1925
81.	Commercial	Benson, Edmund H.	Feb. 7, 1925
81.	Commercial	Braman, Adelbert J.	Feb. 7, 1925
81.	Commercial	Campbell, Peter R.	Feb. 7, 1925
81.	Commercial	Kennedy, Nelson F.	Feb. 7, 1925

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81.	Commercial	Sporle, Walter	Feb. 7, 1925
81.	Commercial	Tisdale, James R.	Feb. 7, 1925
81.	Commercial	Williamson, Alexander C.	Feb. 12, 1925
84.	Champion	Williams, Herbert A.	Feb. 12, 1925
84.	Champion	Watson, Percy	May 11, 1925
86.	Rocky Mountain	George, Thomas Baldwin	May 11, 1925
86.	Rocky Mountain	Hobkirk, Walter Charles Stewart	May 11, 1925
86.	Rocky Mountain	Joyce, William	May 11, 1925
86.	Rocky Mountain	Barnes, Mark	May 11, 1925
86.	Rocky Mountain	Muir, David	May 11, 1925
87.	Crescent	Wallace, Sydney H.	Nov. 10, 1925
87.	Crescent	Honeyman, David R. M.	Nov. 10, 1925
89.	Peace River	McKinnon, James Allan	May 13, 1925
91.	Patricia	Brown, Lynn	Dec. 18, 1925
91.	Patricia	Darling, Earl Claire	Dec. 18, 1925
91.	Patricia	Dawson, John William	Dec. 18, 1925
91.	Patricia	Hutchinson, Walter	Dec. 18, 1925
91.	Patricia	McCarthy, Timothy F.	Dec. 18, 1925
91.	Patricia	McKinnon, William S.	Dec. 18, 1925
91.	Patricia	Walker, Gurney T.	Dec. 18, 1925
92.	Saskatchewan	Petch, Arthur Herbert	Dec. 10, 1925
92.	Saskatchewan	McClory, John Albert	Dec. 10, 1925
92.	Saskatchewan	Ogston, Alexander	Dec. 10, 1925
92.	Saskatchewan	Detlor, A. H.	Dec. 10, 1925
94.	Lamont	McPherson, John H.	March 9, 1925
94.	Lamont	Woolley, George	March 9, 1925
94.	Lamont	Paulson, Eli J.	Dec. 7, 1925
94.	Lamont	Reid, John H.	Dec. 7, 1925
98.	Hand Hill	Gordon, Arthur Lindsay	April 8, 1925
98.	Hand Hill	McDonald, Walter P.	April 8, 1925
98.	Hand Hill	Lawrence, James	April 8, 1925
98.	Hand Hill	Jenson, William	April 8, 1925
98.	Hand Hill	Low, William Alexander	April 8, 1925
98.	Hand Hill	Hoover, William Arthur	April 8, 1925
103.	Foremost	Stewart, John	Dec. 9, 1925
106.	Lake Saskatoon	Boyd, Joseph Robert	June 3, 1925
106.	Lake Saskatoon	Cox, Gordon M.	June 3, 1925
106.	Lake Saskatoon	Pearcy, Charles C. Wickham	June 3, 1925
107.	Carbon	Blaxhall, Frederick C.	April 7, 1925
110.	Kilwinning	Maguire, James A.	June 15, 1925
110.	Kilwinning	Reed, Albin Edward	June 15, 1925
111.	Nobleford	Buchanan, William James	June 2, 1925
111.	Nobleford	Depew, Charles	June 2, 1925
111.	Nobleford	Davey, Wesley	Dec. 11, 1925
113.	Cyprus	Kimball, Pearly C.	Feb. 28, 1925
116.	Spirit River	Russell, Jerry Ralph	Jan. 19, 1925
116.	Spirit River	Wooden, Stephen D.	Jan. 19, 1925
117.	Dominion	Turner, John	June 4, 1925
117.	Dominion	Riley, Arthur	June 4, 1925
117.	Dominion	Coutts, James Scott	June 4, 1925
117.	Dominion	Turner, William	Dec. 3, 1925
117.	Dominion	Carter, Sydney Herbert	Dec. 3, 1925
118.	St. Marks	Stewart, Robert	Feb. 9, 1925
120.	Monitor	Parkhurst, Frank	March 5, 1925
120.	Monitor	Martin, Joseph	March 5, 1925

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121.	Clive	McWilliam, Johnston	Oct. 28, 1925
121.	Clive	Murrison, John Alexander	Oct. 28, 1925
123.	Rockyford	Laurence, Leslie	July 30, 1925
123.	Rockyford	Church, Edwin	July 30, 1925
123.	Rockyford	Graham, Harvey Alex. McKay	July 30, 1925
129.	Meridian	Austin, Charles G.	June 2, 1925
129.	Meridian	Bell, Ernest W.	Oct. 27, 1925
129.	Meridian	Atkinson, Bert W.	Oct. 27, 1925
130.	Hussar	Harper, Frank J.	May 11, 1925
130.	Hussar	Draper, Frank	May 11, 1925
130.	Hussar	Alexander, Axil	May 11, 1925
132.	Craigmyle	Davis, James T.	Dec. 1, 1925
132.	Craigmyle	Taylor, Walter A.	Dec. 1, 1925

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39.	Lethbridge	Ludgate, Victor	April 16, 1925
43.	Tuscan	McBeth, Thomas	Nov. 25, 1925
70.	Quarry	Courtneil, Frederick H.	Nov. 3, 1925

RESTORATIONS

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1.	Bow River	Stretton, Wilton Frank	May 6, 1925
2.	Medicine Hat	Eldei, Thomas Andrew	Jan. 11, 1925
4.	North Star	Brodie, John	Oct. 12, 1925
6.	Spitzie	Stuckey, Richard	Sept. 8, 1925
7.	Edmonton	Kelly, John	June 9, 1925
7.	Edmonton	McLellan, William D.	March 10, 1925
7.	Edmonton	Barker, Frank	Dec. 8, 1925
9.	Perfection	Silberstein, Harold A.	Sept. 15, 1925
9.	Perfection	McLean, Alexander	Oct. 20, 1925
10.	Eureka	Forbes, Cyril De Esterre	Feb. 4, 1925
13.	Victoria	Hughes, Charles Edward	Sept. 29, 1925
14.	Jasper	Sacker, J. Henry	Feb. 9, 1925
15.	Wetaskiwin	Austin, Charles G.	Sept. 17, 1925
16.	Mountain View	Jones, Homer Nelson	Jan. 27, 1925
18.	Britannia	West, Thomas J.	March 5, 1925
19.	Cornerstone	Gribble, C. J.	Nov. 19, 1925
20.	Carstairs	Bryce, Reuben H.	May 7, 1925
21.	King Hiram	McIntyre, John	July 18, 1925
23.	Calgary	Dafoe, James Homer	Jan. 2, 1925
23.	Calgary	Denman, Albert James	Jan. 2, 1925
23.	Calgary	Warren, George Stewart	Jan. 2, 1925
24.	Vermilion	McLean, Hugh H.	March 3, 1925
24.	Vermilion	Fitzpatrick, Samuel King	Nov. 3, 1925
25.	St. John's	Morrison, Frederick Augustus	May 4, 1925
25.	St. John's	Worth, Ira de Frances	Oct. 5, 1925
25.	St. John's	Hepburn, Andrew C.	Dec. 7, 1925
28.	Ashlar	Gray, Thomas	Sept. 17, 1925
33.	Stavely	Hardy, Thomas	Dec. 29, 1925
34.	Star of the West	Brumwell, Robert	Dec. 16, 1925

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35.	Mizpah	Milne, David	Oct. 20, 1925
38.	Hope	Shunk, Angus L.	June 4, 1925
39.	Lethbridge	Ferguson, William B.	Feb. 3, 1925
39.	Lethbridge	Short, Sydney Charles	Dec. 17, 1925
39.	Lethbridge	Atcherly, Charles H.	Dec. 17, 1925
42.	Bowden	Evans, Lewis	Nov. 24, 1925
45.	Ionic	Williams, George B.	Nov. 26, 1925
49.	Robert Burns	Walker, Guy	June 29, 1925
51.	Unity	Stuart, Henry Welsh	March 3, 1925
51.	Unity	McPhee, Peter	Sept. 1, 1925
56.	Beaver	Hewitt, Charles E.	Dec. 2, 1925
59.	King George	Bateman, Bramisell	Feb. 13, 1925
60.	Acme	Poxon, Wilfred	Feb. 5, 1925
60.	Acme	Armstrong, Robert William	May 7, 1925
61.	Provost	Moorehead, William F.	Nov. 18, 1925
62.	Coal	Fraser, David Archibald	Oct. 15, 1925
62.	Coal	Fitzgerald, Maurice L. Moine	Oct. 15, 1925
68.	Edson	Fitzsimmons, Robert	June 4, 1925
71.	Tawatinaw	Harriman, Ralph Nathan	May 11, 1925
71.	Tawatinaw	McDowall, Roy	Dec. 27, 1925
73.	Brooks	Hess, Lawrence R.	Mar. 17, 1925
77.	Strathcona	Davis, Ralph Lesley	Feb. 13, 1925
77.	Strathcona	Taylor, Wyatt Seymour	Nov. 13, 1925
83.	Zetland	McCaw, John Allan	April 7, 1925
83.	Zetland	Davis, George J.	Nov. 3, 1925
91.	Patricia	Hobbs, Henry	March 20, 1925
91.	Patricia	DeMeritte, George E.	Oct. 16, 1925
91.	Patricia	Meneely, Andrew H.	Nov. 20, 1925
91.	Patricia	Stafford, Richard T.	Dec. 18, 1925
91.	Patricia	Clements, James	Dec. 18, 1925
94.	Lamont	Macpherson, John H.	March 11, 1925
106.	Lake Saskatoon	Pearcy, Charles W.	Sept. 2, 1925
110.	Kilwinning	De Foe, George N.	Jan. 19, 1925

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STATISTICAL TABLE

LODGE DIRECTORY

No.	Lodge	Master	Secretary	Address	Regular Meeting
1	Bow River	D. F. Christie	A. J. Cowling	206 14th Ave. N.E., Calgary	First Wednesday in each month.
2	Medicine Hat	N. M. Waldo	W. H. Williams	406 Dundee St., Medicine Hat	Second Tuesday in each month.
3	Alberta	R. D. McNay	H. L. Maltby	MacLeod	Third Wednesday in each month.
4	North Star	R. B. Martin	Wm. M. Edwards	P.O. Box 802, Lethbridge	Second Monday in each month.
5	Cascade	J. M. Watt	R. A. Liggett	Pincher Creek	Thursday on or before full moon.
6	Spitzie	E. W. Varley	H. O. Purkis	Pincher Creek	Thursday on or after full moon.
7	Edmonton	Donald Ross	F. Barnhouse	P.O. Box 515, Edmonton	Second Tuesday in each month.
8	Innisfail	G. T. Sveinson	W. H. Jackson	Innisfail	First Thursday in each month.
9	Perfection	A. T. Spankie	C. E. Halliday	Alexander Corner, Calgary	Third Tuesday in each month.
10	Eureka	R. Hall	Jesse Fraser	Lacombe	First Wednesday in each month.
11	Acacia	Geo. W. Hazlett	E. J. Flavin	10261 116th St., Edmon- ton	Second Thursday in each month.
12	Red Deer	A. B. Mitchell	A. G. Ayres	Red Deer	Second Tuesday in each month.
13	Victoria	John Grayson	W. A. Graham	Fort Saskatchewan	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
14	Jasper	Harry B. Fowler	H. Sandilands	258 91st St., Edmonton	Second Monday in each month.
15	Wetaskiwin	N. A. MacEachern	Geo. D. Wallace	Wetaskiwin	Third Thursday in each month.
16	Mountain View	R. A. Craig	J. C. F. Paul	Olds	Friday, on or before full moon.
17	Nanton	Walter H. Read	W. J. Thom	Nanton	Third Friday in each month.
18	Britannia	J. Vincent James	Robt. W. McWilliam	Ponoka	First Thursday in each month.
19	Cornerstone	H. L. Spankie	P. G. Thomas	High River	Third Thursday in each month.
20	Carstairs	Chas Stuart	W. A. Pryor	Carstairs	Thursday, on or before full moon.
21	King Hiram	Allan Lindsey	H. Morgan	Didsbury	First Tuesday in each month.
22	Corinthian	Wm. J. Kidd	G. C. S. Paterson	Okotoks	First Friday in each month.
23	Calgary	Wm. F. Howard	J. A. McBurney	426 Blvd. N.W., Calgary	First Tuesday in each month.
24	Vermilion	Thos. Watts	G. A. Stewart	Vermilion	First Tuesday in each month.
25	St. John's	H. S. Hurlburt	H. H. Hacker	Vegreville	First Monday in each month.
26	Sentinel	Fred Padgett	H. O. Westrup	Hillcrest	Wednesday, on or before full moon.
27	Apollo	F. W. Laing	C. B. Morton	Stettler	First Monday in each month.
28	Ashlar	H. E. Howard	W. R. Reader	25th Ave. & 2nd St. E., Calgary	Second Thursday in each month.
29	Kenilworth	J. B. Long	S. Pameley	Red Deer	First Tuesday in each month.
30	Summit	W. E. G. Hall	Luke Lindoe	Coleman	First Thursday in each month.
31	Doric	Ernest Marsh	Frank S. Thomas	Taber	Second Tuesday in each month.
32	Carlo	W. R. Jones	J. W. McPhee	Clareholm	Third Tuesday in each month.
33	Stavely	R. G. Nourse	F. S. Ditto	Stavely	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
34	Star of the W. Wm.	T. Robinson	Wm L. Taylor	Leduc	First Tuesday in each month.

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35	Mizpah	Andrew Baillie	W. B. Stevens	327 2nd St., Medicine Hat	Third Tuesday in each month.
36	Gleichen	R. S. McQueen	A. G. Baker	Gleichen	Tuesday, on or next after full moon.
37	Camrose	F. Smith	J. A. M. Brown	Camrose	Second Thursday in each month.
38	Hope	Frank W. Addison	W. N. Crooks	Mannville	Monday, on or before full moon.
39	Lethbridge	F. H. Wilkin	E. J. Rossiter	P.O. Box 537, Lethbridge	Third Thursday in each month.
40	Joppa	Donald Campbell	A. Scott Peebles	Graham	Thursday, on or before full moon.
41	King Solomon	Alex. Moore	W. H. Matthews	Cochrane	Friday, on or before full moon.
42	Bowden	King Solomon	W. H. Matthews	Cochrane	Friday, on or before full moon.
43	Tuscan	Alexander D. Ross	Arthur L. Boyd	Killam	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
44	Buffalo Park	Hugh Vagt	C. C. Watson	Killam	Wednesday, on or before full moon.
45	Ionic	David O. Mathers	Jas. Bracegirdle	Wainwright	Wednesday, on or before full moon.
46	Palestine	S. C. Andrews	G. H. Darlow	Alix	Thursday, before full moon.
47	Chunook	Geo. A. Agnew	Dr. Wm. C. McClurg	Tofield	Third Wednesday in each month.
48	Crossfield	Edwin Gammon	A. L. B. Nicholson	Cowley	Monday, on or before full moon.
49	Robert Burns	Wm. Dayman	Jas. Davey	Crossfield	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
50	Comet	F. W. Ingram	C. O. Sutherland	Carmanagay	Monday, on or before full moon.
51	Unity	G. E. Blake	D. McIntosh	Hardisty	Second Wednesday in each month.
52	Strathmore	C. S. B. Laith	R. W. Gardner	P. O. Box 721, Edmonton	First Tuesday in each month.
53	Mt. Lebanon	Albert Lees	W. M. Spark	Strathmore, P.O. Box 3	First Monday in each month.
54	Passano	J. R. Donaldson	E. K. Pieten	512 15th St. E., Calgary	Second Tuesday in each month.
55	Beaver	E. R. Howe	O. W. Colley	Bassano	First Tuesday in each month.
56	Grassy Lake	F. Carruthers	Wm. Ralsbeck	Castor	First Wednesday in each month.
57	Chief Mtn.	G. W. Irwin	O. Rostrup	Grassy Lake	Second Tuesday in each month.
58	King George	Isaac Dawson	Thos. B. Donald	Cardston	Second Wednesday in each month.
59	Acme	E. H. Van Wart	Wm. H. Beacom	812 2nd St., N.E., Calgary	Second Friday in each month.
60	Provost	Milton C. Yager	H. N. Guterbock	Provost	Thursday, on or before full moon.
61	Coal	C. C. Procter	N. L. Kvittum	Bawlf	Third Wednesday in each month.
62	Empire	J. H. Leah	J. Martland	9620 105th St., Edmonton	Third Thursday in each month.
63	Bow Island	W. K. Bateman	Jas. W. Reid	ton	Third Monday in each month.
64	Diamond City	D. E. Lawrence	Wm. B. Miller	Bow Island	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
65	St. Andrew's	Wilbur L. Thomas	L. E. Roach	Diamond City	Second Friday in each month.
66	Charity	W. H. Hawkins	Chas. Barrett	Trouch	Thursday, on or before full moon.
67	Edson	Frank C. Glover	R. Knox	539 12th St. A. North, Lethbridge	Second Tuesday in each month.
68	Connaught	P. E. Finch	L. R. Coles	Edson	First Thursday in each month.
69	Quarry	H. J. Sissons	E. L. Stone	Viking	Tuesday, nearest full moon.
70	Tawarshaw	F. R. Falconer	E. Easton	Redcliff	First Tuesday in each month.
71	Coronation	A. W. Evans	F. W. Fleming	Adthabasca	First Wednesday in each month.
72	Brooks	Chas. M. Chalmers	Dr. C. E. Anderson	Coronation	Thursday, on or before full moon.
73	Vulcan	E. J. Charters	F. M. Anderson	Brooks	Third Tuesday in each month.
74	Harmony	S. T. Smith	W. J. Cumberland	Vulcan	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
75	Fidelity	G. Percy Puffer	Jas. A. Marshall	Sedgewick	Monday, on or before full moon.
76				Bashaw	Tuesday, on or before full moon.

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77	Strathcona	W. E. Buckley	R. B. MacKenzie	10944 89th Ave., Edmonton	Second Friday in each month.
78	Hanna	J. D. R. Stewart	A. L. R. Davidson	Hanna	First Wednesday in each month.
79	Morning Star	F. Grange	W. Steen	Lougheed	Thursday, on or before full moon.
80	Excelsior	C. V. Doherty	T. A. Barrigan	Strome	Thursday, on or before full moon.
81	Commercial	Tom Wells	Robt. Cockburn	10124 125th St., Edmonton	First Saturday in each month.
82	Acadia	David Dishan	Geo. J. Tovey	Youngstown	Tuesday on or before full moon.
83	Zetland	W. H. Andrews	V. A. Bowes	326 40th Avenue, W. Calgary	Second Friday in each month.
84	Champion	Chas. Nichean	E. F. Crawford	Champion	Second Thursday in each month.
85	Suffield	W. Crews	J. C. Anderson	Suffield	Wednesday, on or before full moon.
86	Rocky Mtn.	Finlay MacLaren	P. C. Montalbetti	Blairmore	Second Monday in each month.
87	Crescent	J. H. Ross	M. Currie	607 17th Ave. N.W., Calgary	Second Tuesday in each month.
88	Waputik	W. G. White	Sam Harris	High Prairie	Thursday, on or after full moon.
89	Peace River	E. E. Orr	T. A. Norris	Peace River	Second Wednesday in each month.
90	Norwood	Alex. Rutherford	J. H. Beresford	12228 92nd St., Edmonton	Second Tuesday in each month.
91	Patricia	N. S. Stewart	Geo. H. McAvoy	10014 102nd Av., Edmonton	Third Friday in each month.
92	Saskatchewan	Wm. Frieheild	Joseph F. Thornton	11902 66th St., Edmonton	Second Thursday in each month.
93	Symbol	W. S. Cameron	G. H. Chambers	Drumheller	Second Thursday in each month.
94	Lamont	L. B. Adams	L. A. Hanson	Lamont	First Monday in each month.
95	Kitchener	Jos. Renshaw	S. J. Byers	Rimbey	Friday, on or before full moon.
96	Dynamic	D. A. McAfee	Robert Emond	Holden	First Wednesday in each month.
97	Albion	C. C. McKechnie	J. A. Montjoy	Chauvin	First Thursday in each month.
98	Hand Hill	C. C. Grant	Richard Pearce	Dellia	Wednesday, on or before full moon.
99	Mount Moriah	Thos. C. Scott	David G. Shannon	Sibbald	Thursday, on or before full moon.
100	Warner	T. M. Williams	F. W. Fraedrich	Warner	First Wednesday in each month.
101	W. Edmonton	Jas. Hobbs	Wm. Mackenzie	12774 115th St., Edmonton	Thursday, on or before full moon.
102	Edgerton	T. H. Sawyer	Thos. J. Chavasse	Edgerton	Monday, on or before full moon.
103	Foremost	T. H. Whittle	G. O. Brownlee	Foremost	First Friday in each month.
104	Oven	S. A. Miller	Chas. L. Dunford	Oven	First Friday in each month.
105	Grande Prairie	F. Crumney	P. H. Belcher	Grande Prairie	Third Wednesday in each month.
106	Lake Saskatchewan	H. Cowper	A. E. W. Roberts	Wembley	Wednesday, on or before full moon.
107	Carbon	S. N. Wright	S. F. Torrance	Carbon	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
108	Pyramid	Geo. Hedges	W. J. Clements	Lomond	Monday, on or before full moon.
109	Ancient	J. P. Watters	J. F. Baugh	Mirror	First Wednesday in each month.
110	Landmark	David J. Dickson	G. T. MacGregor	Minburn	Third Monday in each month.
111	Kilwinning	A. Ronney	Wm. Cawdron	Nobleford	First Tuesday in each month.
112	Victory	Geo. Theron	J. A. Waite	Jarrow	First Thursday in each month.
113	Cyprus	H. T. Howe	Wm. Harte	Three Hills	Third Wednesday in each month.
114	Westlock	F. E. Taylor	W. Gilchrist	Westlock	First Thursday in each month.
115	Crocus	R. W. Wright	H. A. Robinson	Chinook	Wednesday, on or after full moon.

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116	Spirit River	G. S. Wilson	A. C. Egan	Spirit River	Third Monday in each month.
117	Dominion	John Sample	T. Lumley	10943 107th St., Edmonton	Second Wednesday in each month.
118	St. Mark's	L. H. Cooper	Sydney D. Jenkins	1817 16th St. W., Calgary	Second Monday in each month.
119	York	Geo. N. McLean	T. H. Edmunds	P.O. Box 301, Lethbridge	First Tuesday in each month.
120	Monitor	A. Grace	L. Monroe	Monitor	Thursday, on or before full moon.
121	Clive	H. M. Williams	C. Wicks	Clive	Wednesday, on or before full moon.
122	Rising Sun	Robt. E. Keast	D. Drinnan	Gadsby	Wednesday, on or before full moon.
123	Rockyford	Emil W. Pust	A. C. Marnoch	Baintree	Thursday, on or before full moon.
124	Concord	G. F. Ellis	A. E. McKay	134 38th St. N.W., Calgary	First Saturday in each month.
125	Cavell	W. G. Wilson	F. H. Lloyd	Delburne	Thursday, on or after full moon.
126	Pembina	E. Dumbrell	A. H. Grant	Sanguo	First Tuesday in each month.
127	Granite	D. McNiven	Harry Andrews	Blackie	First Wednesday in each month.
128	Forestburg	R. M. Peterson	L. M. Rogers	Forestburg	Fourth Wednesday in each month.
129	Meridian	R. B. Brooks	Jas. Malloch	Stony Plain	Thursday, on or before full moon.
130	Hussar	W. D. Moffat	J. R. Reeves	Hussar	Thursday, on or after full moon.
131	Kitscoty	J. A. Rutherford	W. R. Young	Kitscoty	Wednesday, on or before full moon.
132	Cragmyle	John McLean	E. A. Cavanaugh	Cragmyle	Tuesday, on or after full moon.
133	Manyberries	Geo. C. Saunders	Herbert Dyke	Manyberries	Second Wednesday in each month.
134	Renfrew	Wm. White	L. S. Irvine	10 Dufferin Lodge, Calgary	Fourth Wednesday in each month.
135	Alliance	S. W. Rutherford	W. A. D'Arcy	Alliance	First Wednesday in each month.
136	Cresset	A. C. Freeman	C. B. Nelson	Barons	Monday after the full moon.
137	Irricana	P. Hallam	E. Corbett	Kathryn	Third Tuesday in each month.
138	Onoway	D. F. Hughes	C. H. Ryden	Onoway	First Wednesday of each month.
139	Marose	G. F. McArthur	J. Ernest Simpson	Daysland	Second Tuesday of each month.
140	Big Valley	J. E. Carl	F. C. Stokes	Big Valley	First Tuesday of each month.
141	Efficiency	John H. Cochrane	R. V. Campbell	Hughenden	Monday, on or before full moon.
142	Ivanhoe	G. B. McLeod	M. C. Wright	9908 1/2 115th St., Edmonton	First Thursday in each month.
143	Jasper Park	A. F. McGuire	H. J. Durkin	Jasper	Second Thursday in each month.
144	Gratton	O. L. Chase	L. A. Schon	Irma	Monday, on or before full moon.
145	St. Alban's	Harry Allen	J. F. Buckley	St. Paul de Metis	Third Thursday in each month.
146	Drumbeller	W. R. Fulton	Ernest Jones	c/o Bank of Montreal, Drumbeller	Third Tuesday in each month.

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1	Bow River	303	9	8	9	...	1	6	8	...	5	294	...	9
2	Medicine Hat	205	7	6	8	3	1	3	...	...	2	211	6	...
3	Alberta	93	8	7	7	...	...	6	2	...	2	91	...	2
4	North Star	268	7	5	5	6	1	10	1	...	1	270	2	...
5	Cascade	159	11	11	14	...	...	1	1	...	2	166	7	...
6	Spitzie	103	4	4	4	4	1	5	9	...	2	96	...	7
7	Edmonton	299	9	8	8	4	3	7	2	...	1	305	6	...
8	Innisfail	90	5	5	4	1	...	6	...	...	1	89	...	1
9	Perfection	437	4	5	5	8	2	6	8	...	3	434	...	3
10	Eureka	113	6	6	6	9	1	2	7	...	1	119	6	...
11	Acacia	188	4	6	7	7	...	5	...	...	2	192	4	...
12	Red Deer	140	6	5	5	1	...	1	...	...	1	145	5	...
13	Victoria	53	2	...	...	1	1	...	3	...	1	53	...	...
14	Jasper	179	4	1	2	1	1	4	6	...	2	173	...	6
15	Wetaskiwin	104	2	2	2	1	1	2	...	...	...	106	2	...
16	Mountain View	72	2	2	3	...	1	3	...	...	1	71	...	1
17	Nanton	89	7	8	8	1	...	2	10	...	1	84	...	5
18	Britannia	71	8	8	8	2	1	3	3	...	1	75	4	...
19	Cornerstone	157	2	2	3	3	1	2	5	...	1	155	...	2
20	Carstairs	45	1	4	4	6	1	2	...	...	...	51	6	...
21	King Hiram	86	8	9	9	3	1	5	...	...	...	93	7	...
22	Corinthian	85	6	9	8	...	...	3	...	...	...	88	3	...
23	Calgary	290	6	7	6	1	3	6	5	...	3	286	...	4
24	Vermilion	98	5	6	5	3	2	5	2	...	...	101	3	...
25	St. John's	84	1	1	1	2	3	5	...	...	1	84	...	...
26	Sentinel	77	1	2	2	...	...	1	...	...	2	75	...	2
27	Apollo	147	3	2	2	...	...	18	...	...	1	131	...	16
28	Ashlar	239	2	3	3	4	1	10	1	...	1	234	...	5
29	Kenilworth	123	2	2	2	1	...	3	3	...	1	119	...	4
30	Summit	48	4	4	4	1	...	2	3	...	1	47	...	1
31	Doric	66	1	1	1	...	...	5	2	...	1	59	...	7
32	Cairo	63	10	8	3	1	...	1	1	...	...	72	9	...
33	Stavely	68	2	2	2	1	1	2	...	...	...	70	2	...
34	Star of the West	65	1	1	1	1	1	1	...	...	...	67	2	...
35	Mipazh	134	1	2	2	3	1	6	2	...	1	130	...	4
36	Gleichen	79	7	6	9	...	...	1	2	...	...	84	5	...
37	Camrose	77	2	3	5	5	...	6	...	...	1	77	...	...
38	Hope	58	...	...	...	2	1	1	1	...	1	58	...	...
39	Lethbridge	159	4	7	7	13	3	7	3	1	3	105	6	...
40	Joppa	41	4	3	3	2	...	1	...	...	2	44	3	...
41	King Solomon	31	2	2	1	1	...	1	2	...	1	30	...	1
42	Bowden	35	5	6	5	2	1	2	...	...	...	41	6	...
43	Tuscan	87	8	6	17	...	...	1	...	1	2	91	4	...
44	Buffalo Park	59	2	3	2	1	...	4	1	...	1	56	...	3

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45	Ionic	37	2	2	1	1	1	1	2	...	...	37	...	...
46	Palestine	49	2	2	1	3	...	1	4	...	1	48	...	1
47	Chinook	39	2	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	41	2	...
48	Crossfield	64	4	4	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	68	4	...
49	Robert Burns ..	60	3	3	1	2	1	15	3	...	...	48	...	12
50	Comet	47	1	2	2	2	...	1	...	...	...	49	2	...
51	Unity	436	14	11	10	3	2	4	6	...	4	441	5	...
53	Strathmore	85	5	7	5	3	...	3	...	...	...	90	5	...
54	Moust Lebanon ..	270	5	10	10	...	...	8	7	...	3	257	...	13
55	Bassano	84	6	6	6	1	...	3	...	...	...	88	4	...
56	Beaver	52	4	4	3	2	1	5	1	...	...	53	1	...
57	Grassy Lake	40	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	41	1	...
58	Chief Mountain ..	39	2	2	...	2	...	3	5	...	1	34	...	5
59	King George	288	9	10	8	8	1	12	4	...	3	287	...	1
60	Acme	58	3	2	3	2	2	1	...	...	...	64	6	...
61	Provost	73	2	2	3	1	1	1	...	...	...	76	3	...
62	Coal	30	3	4	4	...	2	1	3	...	...	31	1	...
63	Empire	160	14	9	9	4	...	6	10	...	2	160	...	...
64	Bow Island	73	7	7	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	80	7	...
65	Diamond City	36	2	3	3	...	...	1	...	...	...	37	1	...
66	St. Andrew's	47	1	...	...	2	...	2	1	...	...	47	...	...
67	Charity	83	3	3	3	...	...	1	...	...	1	84	1	...
68	Edson	114	13	9	13	5	1	3	...	...	...	130	16	...
69	Connaught	30	8	8	7	1	...	...	...	...	...	39	9	...
70	Quarry	50	4	4	4	1	...	...	...	1	...	53	3	...
71	Tawatinaw	50	...	...	...	1	2	6	11	...	1	35	...	15
72	Coronation	77	4	4	3	8	...	4	2	...	...	83	6	...
73	Brooks	85	4	3	3	1	1	3	...	...	...	88	3	...
74	Vulcan	82	5	5	5	2	...	1	...	...	1	87	5	...
75	Harmony	54	2	1	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	56	2	...
76	Fidelity	74	5	3	3	1	...	4	4	...	2	70	...	4
77	Strathcona	184	6	8	10	4	2	2	...	...	2	192	8	...
78	Hanna	95	2	2	1	2	...	5	...	...	...	94	...	1
79	Morning Star	42	1	1	1	...	...	4	...	...	...	39	...	3
80	Excelsior	38	...	...	...	1	...	4	3	...	...	32	...	6
81	Commercial	197	5	4	4	3	...	7	7	...	4	187	...	10
82	Acadia	51	2	2	2	1	...	4	...	...	...	50	...	1
83	Zetland	216	7	6	5	3	2	11	...	...	...	217	1	...
84	Champion	57	5	4	3	...	...	1	2	...	...	59	2	...
85	Suffield	34	2	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	36	2	...
86	Rocky Mount'n. ..	68	2	2	1	1	...	...	5	...	1	65	...	3
87	Crescent	219	8	8	8	4	...	7	2	...	2	220	1	...
88	Wahpun	40	...	1	2	1	...	3	...	...	...	38	...	2
89	Peace River	77	8	8	6	2	...	5	1	...	...	81	4	...

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90	Norwood	113	4	5	5	4	...	3	...	...	2	116	3	...
91	Patricia	413	12	14	11	9	5	10	7	...	5	417	4	...
92	Saskatchewan ..	87	11	8	8	2	...	2	4	...	...	94	7	...
93	Symbol	202	8	7	14	1	...	6	...	...	...	205	3	...
94	Lamont	45	2	2	2	2	1	...	4	...	...	46	1	...
95	Kitchener	38	...	1	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	37	...	1
96	Dynamic	52	3	1	2	1	...	2	...	...	...	54	2	...
97	Albion	27	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	27	...	...
98	Hand Hill	60	6	4	4	...	...	...	6	...	...	60	...	...
99	Mount Moriah ..	23	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	22	...	1
100	Warner	39	...	2	2	...	...	2	...	...	1	36	...	3
101	West Edmonton ..	97	6	4	7	4	...	1	...	...	1	105	8	...
102	Edgerton	41	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	38	...	3
103	Foremost	36	...	1	1	...	...	4	1	...	...	31	...	5
104	Oyen	51	4	1	1	1	...	2	...	...	...	54	3	...
105	Grande Prairie ..	83	1	1	1	2	...	4	...	...	...	82	...	1
106	Lake Saskatoon ..	41	4	4	4	...	1	3	3	...	...	40	...	1
107	Carbon	56	1	2	3	...	...	...	1	...	1	55	...	1
108	Pyramid	30	2	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	31	1	...
109	Ancient Landmark ..	39	1	1	1	1	...	3	...	...	...	38	...	1
110	Kilwinning	52	3	3	4	4	1	3	2	...	...	55	3	...
111	Nobleford	19	...	...	...	1	...	...	3	...	...	17	...	2
112	Victory	34	3	2	2	...	...	1	...	...	...	36	2	...
113	Cyprus	45	1	1	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	45	...	...
114	Westlock	44	6	6	6	2	...	2	...	...	...	50	6	...
115	Crocus	35	3	5	5	3	...	4	...	...	...	37	2	...
116	Spirit River	51	4	4	4	...	...	5	2	...	...	48	...	3
117	Dominion	62	2	2	2	1	...	5	...	...	...	60	...	2
118	St. Mark's	59	4	4	4	2	...	1	1	...	2	61	2	...
119	York	93	5	7	7	4	...	10	...	...	1	91	...	2
120	Monitor	45	3	3	3	...	...	1	2	...	...	45	...	...
121	Clive	21	...	...	1	1	...	2	2	...	...	18	...	3
122	Rising Sun	39	3	2	1	1	...	2	...	...	2	39	...	...
123	Rockyford	43	5	5	7	...	...	...	3	...	...	45	2	...
124	Concord	75	8	7	6	4	...	1	...	...	1	85	10	...
125	Cavell	35	...	...	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	34	...	1
126	Pembina	41	3	5	4	...	...	2	...	...	...	42	1	...
127	Granite	55	7	8	8	...	...	1	...	...	1	60	5	...
128	Forestburg	35	4	4	4	2	...	5	...	...	...	36	1	...
129	Meridian	29	6	7	7	4	...	2	3	...	...	34	5	...
130	Hussar	29	2	3	...	2	...	2	3	...	...	28	...	1
131	Kitscoty	32	3	2	3	...	...	2	...	...	...	33	1	...
132	Craigmyle	30	2	4	3	3	...	2	2	...	1	30	...	...

TABULAR STATEMENT OF LODGES

December 27, 1925

No	Lodge	Dec. 31, 1924	Degrees			Joined	Reinstated	Decrease				Dec. 31, 1925	Increase	Decrease
			Initiated	Passed	Raised			Dimit	N.P.D.	U.M.C.	Died			
133	Manyberries ..	21	4	2	3	...	...	2	...	...	...	23	2	...
134	Renfrew	88	7	6	7	14	...	...	...	...	...	109	21	...
135	Alliance	17	4	4	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	21	4	...
136	Cresset	17	3	3	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	19	2	...
137	Irricana	13	9	6	4	3	...	...	...	...	...	25	12	...
138	Onoway	10	9	8	9	1	...	...	...	...	1	19	9	...
139	Melrose	14	4	2	2	6	...	...	...	...	...	24	10	...
140	Big Valley	24	5	5	5	5	...	...	...	...	...	34	10	...
U.D.	Efficiency	9	4	3	3	5	...	...	...	...	...	18	9	...
U.D.	Jasper Park ..	28	17	14	9	4	...	...	...	...	...	49	21	...
U.D.	Gratton	16	5	5	5	1	...	...	...	...	...	22	6	...
U.D.	Ivanhoe	18	19	15	12	31	...	...	...	...	...	68	50	...
U.D.	St. Alban's ...	12	7	7	6	2	...	...	...	...	...	21	9	...
U.D.	Drumheller ...	...	...	...	...	9	...	...	...	...	...	9	9	...
		12414	623	601	598	327	62	419	231	3	101	12672	449	191

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No. 5	Cascade	Banff
No. 9	Perfection	Calgary
No. 23	Calgary	Calgary
No. 28	Ashlar	Calgary
No. 36	Gleichen	Gleichen
No. 41	King Solomon	Cochrane
No. 53	Strathmore	Strathmore
No. 54	Mount Lebanon	Calgary
No. 59	King George	Calgary
No. 83	Zetland	Calgary
No. 87	Crescent	Calgary
No. 118	St. Mark's	Calgary
No. 124	Concord	Calgary
No. 134	Renfrew	Calgary

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No. 2	Medicine Hat	Medicine Hat
No. 35	Mizpah	Medicine Hat
No. 55	Bassano	Bassano
No. 57	Grassy Lake	Grassy Lake
No. 64	Bow Island	Bow Island
No. 70	Quarry	Redcliff
No. 73	Brooks	Brooks
No. 85	Suffield	Suffield
No. 130	Hussar	Hussar

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D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Horace Rollans (69).

No. 7	Edmonton	Edmonton
No. 34	Star of the West	Leduc
No. 44	Buffalo Park	Wainwright
No. 46	Palestine	Tofield
No. 51	Unity	Edmonton
No. 69	Connaught	Viking
No. 81	Commercial	Edmonton
No. 96	Dynamic	Holden
No. 97	Albion	Chauvin
No. 102	Edgerton	Edgerton
No. 112	Victory	Jarrow
No. 144	Gratton	Irma

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No. 8	Innisfail	Innisfail
No. 10	Eureka	Lacombe
No. 12	Red Deer	Red Deer
No. 16	Mountain View	Olds
No. 18	Britannia	Ponoka
No. 20	Carstairs	Carstairs
No. 21	King Hiram	Didsbury
No. 29	Kenilworth	Red Deer
No. 42	Bowden	Bowden
No. 48	Crossfield	Crossfield
No. 95	Kitchener	Rimbey

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No. 15	Wetaskiwin	Wetaskiwin
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No. 50	Comet	Hardisty
No. 61	Provost	Provost
No. 62	Coal	Bawlf
No. 75	Harmony	Sedgewick
No. 79	Morning Star	Lougheed
No. 80	Excelsior	Strome
No. 128	Forestburg	Forestburg
No. 135	Alliance	Alliance
No. 139	Melrose	Daysland
No. 141	Efficiency	Hughenden

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No. 17	Nanton	Nanton
No. 19	Cornerstone	High River
No. 22	Corinthian	Okotoks
No. 32	Cairo	Claresholm
No. 33	Stavely	Stavely
No. 40	Joppa	Granum

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No. 4	North Star	Lethbridge
No. 31	Doric	Taber
No. 39	Lethbridge	Lethbridge
No. 58	Chief Mountain	Cardston
No. 67	Charity	Lethbridge
No. 100	Warner	Warner
No. 103	Foremost	Foremost
No. 119	York	Lethbridge
No. 133	Manyberries	Manyberries

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No. 6	Spitzie		Pincher
No. 26	Sentinel		Hillcrest
No. 30	Summit		Coleman
No. 47	Chinook		Cowley
No. 86	Rocky Mountain	.....	Blairmore

DISTRICT No. 9

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. J. R. Mackie (45).

No. 27	Apollo	.....	Stettler
No. 45	Ionic	.....	Alix
No. 56	Beaver	.....	Castor
No. 72	Coronation	.....	Coronation
No. 120	Monitor	.....	Monitor
No. 121	Clive	.....	Clive
No. 122	Rising Sun	.....	Gadsby
No. 140	Big Valley	.....	Big Valley

DISTRICT No. 10

D.D.G.M.—R.W. George A. Stewart (24)

No. 11	Acacia	.....	Edmonton
No. 13	Victoria	.....	Ft. Saskatch'w'n
No. 24	Vermilion	.....	Vermilion
No. 25	St. John's	.....	Vegreville
No. 38	Hope	.....	Mannville
No. 63	Empire	.....	Edmonton
No. 71	Tawatinaw	.....	Athabasca
No. 90	Norwood	.....	Edmonton
No. 94	Lamont	.....	Lamont
No. 110	Kilwinning	.....	Minburn
No. 117	Dominion	.....	Edmonton
No. 131	Kitscoty	.....	Kitscoty
No. 145	St. Albans	.....	St. Paul de Metis

DISTRICT No. 11

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. W. E. Watkins (84).

No. 49	Robert Burns	.....	Carmangay
No. 65	Diamond City	.....	Diamond City
No. 74	Vulcan	.....	Vulcan
No. 84	Champion	.....	Champion
No. 108	Pyramid	.....	Lomond
No. 111	Nobleford	.....	Nobleford
No. 127	Granite	.....	Blackie
No. 136	Cresset	.....	Barons

DISTRICT No. 12

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Wm. Gilfillan (114).

No. 14	Jasper	Edmonton
No. 68	Edson	Edson
No. 77	Strathcona	Edmonton
No. 91	Patricia	Edmonton
No. 92	Saskatchewan	Edmonton
No. 101	West Edmonton	West Edmonton
No. 114	Westlock	Westlock
No. 126	Pembina	Sangudo
No. 129	Meridian	Stony Plain
No. 138	Onoway	Onoway
No. 143	Jasper Park	Jasper
No. 142	Ivanhoe	Edmonton

DISTRICT No. 13

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. P. H. Belcher (105).

No. 88	Wahpun	High Prairie
No. 89	Peace River	Peace River
No. 105	Grande Prairie	Grande Prairie
No. 106	Lake Saskatoon	Lake Saskatoon
No. 116	Spirit River	Spirit River

DISTRICT No. 14

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. M. L. Chapman (115).

No. 78	Hanna	Hanna
No. 82	Acadia	Youngstown
No. 93	Symbol	Drumheller
No. 98	Hand Hill	Delia
No. 99	Mount Moriah	Sibbald
No. 104	Oyen	Oyen
No. 115	Crocus	Chinook
No. 123	Rockyford	Rockyford
No. 132	Craigmyle	Craigmyle
No. 146	Drumheller	Drumheller

DISTRICT No. 15

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Wm. Harte (113).

No. 60	Acme	Acme
No. 66	St. Andrew's	Trochu
No. 76	Fidelity	Bashaw
No. 107	Carbon	Carbon
No. 109	Ancient Landmark	Mirror
No. 113	Cyprus	Three Hills
No. 125	Cavell	Delburne
No. 137	Irricana	Irricana

RULINGS OF GRAND MASTERS

1. Question: In case of a Masonic trial can the Worshipful Master of a lodge act as counsel for the defence of the accused?

Answer: No. Proceedings, 1909.

2. Question: Has a lodge the power to levy special assessment on members besides their regular annual dues, and to suspend members for the non-payment of such assessment if they pay their regular annual dues?

Answer: The constitution makes no provision for suspension except for non-payment of dues and for unmasonic conduct. While lodges may agree to assess themselves for any worthy cause, they cannot suspend the delinquent for the above mentioned cause.

Proceedings, 1916.

3. Question: Is a person eligible to become a member of a Masonic lodge by initiation, who has lost the four fingers of his left hand at the third joint, leaving the hand and thumb intact?

Answer: Yes: Proceedings, 1916.

4. Question: Is a returned soldier eligible for initiation into the order who has lost his left arm at the shoulder?

Answer: If you have a worthy petitioner, who has lost his left arm, but who is supplied with an artificial one so that he can comply with the requirements of the work, I would favor his acceptance into Masonry.

Proceedings, 1916.

5. Question: Has a lodge the power to withhold a Grand Lodge certificate from a newly raised brother until he passes a satisfactory examination in the third degree?

Answer: No. Proceedings, 1916.

6. Question: Can a dispensation be granted whereby the degree of Past Master might be conferred as an honor upon a brother as a recognition of faithful service?

Answer: It is not within the power of the Grand Master to grant a dispensation to confer the Past Master's Degree (honoris causa) on any brother, however worthy he may be. The brother can only rank as Past Master after having been elected to and faithfully performed the duties of Master of a craft lodge.

Proceedings, 1916.

7. Question: Can post cards be used for lodge notices?

Answer: All notices must be sent in sealed envelopes.

Proceedings, 1918.

8. A lodge cannot refuse to consider applications for membership for any stated period. An application in proper form recommended by two brethren and received by the secretary of the lodge must take its usual course. Proceedings, 1920.
9. A lodge under dispensation cannot grant a dimit to one of its members. Proceedings, 1920.
10. An Entered Apprentice cannot purchase life membership in a lodge. Proceedings, 1920.
11. Refused to grant publication of a Masonic Directory of the Province of Alberta for general distribution amongst members of the craft. Proceedings, 1922.
12. The Worshipful Master of a lodge has always right of access to the secretary's books, and is responsible to Grand Lodge for their condition. Proceedings, 1922.
13. Refused to sanction the organization of a Masonic Club at a town where no lodge was in existence. Proceedings, 1922.
14. Question: Is a lodge entitled to a refund from Grand Lodge of dues paid on account of brethren who were granted their dimits by the lodge five years prior to the receipt of application for refund by Grand Lodge, but of which no report had been forwarded to the Grand Secretary in the meantime?

Answer: Inasmuch as the semi-annual returns are expected to contain an accurate statement of the work and business done by the lodge during the term, and that these returns are certified to by the Master and Secretary of the lodge under the seal of the same, and are accepted by Grand Lodge as being accurate, as they have no other means of obtaining this information, the lodge is not entitled to a refund under these circumstances.
Proceedings, 1925.

15. Question: What is the standing of an applicant for affiliation who was accepted into membership without the usual certificate of standing or dimit accompanying his application?

Answer: An applicant admitted under these circumstances is admitted irregularly and therefore could not be considered a member. Proceedings, 1925.

16. Question: Is a ballot, which was taken in September of last year, in accordance with the requirements of our constitution as prior to June 12th, regular, the W.M. not being aware of any change in the constitution?

Answer: Inasmuch as the ballot was taken in accordance with the constitution as understood by the W.M. at the time of balloting, it should stand as taken. Proceedings, 1925.

17. Question: Is a brother who has received the Past Master's degree in a Royal Arch Chapter entitled to be present while the Installed Master's degree is being conferred upon the W.M. elect?

Answer: A lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Alberta can recognize only those degrees which have been conferred by lodges under this jurisdiction or, as is expressly provided for by our constitution, by lodges under some other Grand Jurisdiction recognized by this Grand Jurisdiction. In no case will this Grand Jurisdiction admit to participation in its degrees a person who has received such degrees in a Royal Arch Chapter or in any other body conferring other than the first three degrees of Masonry. There are other reasons which cannot be fully explained, inherent in the degree of Installed Master, which would not permit of a brother being present who was not either a Past Master or one duly elected to that office. It was therefore ruled that the brother was not entitled to sit in lodge while the Installed Master's degree was being conferred.

Proceedings, 1925.

18. Question: What is the status of a brother who was formerly a member of a lodge in this jurisdiction which surrendered its charter?

Answer: All members of a lodge who are in good standing at the date of the surrender of its charter and whose dues have been paid in full are entitled to and shall receive from the Grand Secretary a certificate of that fact, which certificate shall have the same effect as a dimit issued by an existing lodge.

Proceedings, 1925.

19. Question: May the first degree be conferred by a lodge other than that in which the candidate was accepted?

Answer: No. The lodge accepting the applicant must confer at least the first degree. Proceedings, 1925.

20. Question: Is a brother eligible for affiliation who holds a dimit and resides outside this Grand Jurisdiction?

Answer: Yes. His place of residence does not apply in case of affiliation. Proceedings, 1925.

21. Question: Is it correct or permissible to receive written nominations as is the custom at Grand Lodge elections?

Answer: Yes. Proceedings, 1925.

REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

F. S. Selwood, P.G.M., Chairman.

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Brethren:

Following the practice of the last few years, the chairman has again enlisted the assistance and co-operation of a number of brethren in this work, and desires to acknowledge to these brethren at this time his keen appreciation of their efforts in assisting to prepare the report of this committee. Our sincere thanks are due to M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, P.G.M.; M.W. Bro. H. C. Taylor, P.G.M.; M.W. Bro. E. T. Bishop, P.G.M.; M.W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis, P.G.M.; R.W. Bro. C. V. Bennett, P.D.D.G.M.; R.W. Bro. G. F. Auxier, P.D.D.G.M.; and R.W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell, S.G.W.

In submitting this report, your committee hopes that the reviews of the proceedings of other Grand Jurisdictions which have for years been appearing in our Annual Proceedings, are being more and more studied by the brethren of this jurisdiction, particularly the members of Grand Lodge. We also trust that the results of our labors have been of interest to the brethren of foreign jurisdictions whose Masonic duties or interest in the work of Fraternal Correspondence may lead to an examination of them.

We regret that owing to other engagements of a temporary nature which necessitated his absence from the jurisdiction for the first six months of the current year, R.W. Bro. E. D. Crump has been unable this year to complete the proceedings of the several jurisdictions entrusted to him in time for publication. These were the proceedings of the Grand Lodges of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia. The review of these proceedings will be published along with those of 1926, in our next report. The chairman of this committee has appreciated very highly the service of R.W. Bro. Crump in the past and has found very favorable comment on his work in the reports of Fraternal Correspondence in several jurisdictions whose proceedings he has previously reviewed. We trust he will be able to return to active labors in connection with this committee.

We also regret that M.W. Bro. E. T. Bishop, owing to continued ill health has been unable to complete his labors as a member of this committee, the review of the proceedings of the Grand Lodges in Australasia for 1925, which had been submitted to him. These have been very kindly taken over by M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor. We are pleased that M.W. Bro. Bishop was able to complete the reviews of the proceedings of 1924 of four of the Grand Lodges in the Antipodes.

The following is a list of the jurisdictions whose proceedings are reviewed:

1. Arizona	1925	30. New Hampshire	1925
2. Arkansas	1925	31. New Jersey	1925
3. British Columbia	1925	32. New Mexico	1925
4. California	1925	33. New South Wales. 1924, 1925	
5. Canada (in Ontario)....	1925	34. New York	1925
6. Colorado	1925	35. New Zealand	1924, 1925
7. Connecticut	1925	36. North Dakota	1925
8. Delaware	1925	37. Nova Scotia	1925
9. District of Columbia....	1925	38. Ohio	1925
10. England	1925	39. Oklahoma	1925
11. Idaho	1925	40. Pennsylvania	1925
12. Illinois	1925	41. Philippine Island	1925
13. Indiana	1925	42. Prince Edward Island..	1925
14. Iowa	1925	43. Quebec	1925
15. Ireland	1925	44. Rhode Island	1925
16. Kansas	1925	45. Saskatchewan	1925
17. Kentucky	1925	46. Scotland	1925
18. Louisiana	1925	47. South Australia	1925
19. Maine	1925	48. South Dakota	1925
20. Manitoba	1925	49. Tennessee	1925
21. Maryland	1925	50. Texas	1925
22. Massachusetts	1924, 1925	51. Utah	1924, 1925
23. Michigan	1925	52. Vermont	1925
24. Minnesota	1925	53. Victoria	1924, 1925
25. Missouri	1925	54. Washington	1925
26. Montana	1925	55. West Australia ...	1924, 1925
27. Nebraska	1925	56. West Virginia	1925
28. Nevada	1925	57. Wisconsin	1925
29. New Brunswick	1925	58. Wyoming	1925

Fraternally,

F. S. SELWOOD,
Chairman.

ARIZONA

Forty-third Annual Communication held at Phoenix, February 10 to 12, 1925. M.W. Bro. Otis James Baughn, Grand Master.

While the Grand Master's address is largely an able commentary of interest principally to the brethren of his own jurisdiction he touches on several matters of general interest to all masons. Describing what may be termed the "Ideal Mason" he says:

"Masons should be the outstanding men of their respective communities. They should be leaders in thought and in action in all movements for the uplift of humanity and the placing of not only Masonry but also the daily lives of the people everywhere on a higher moral plane. They should by their everyday actions prove conclusively to the whole world that no man can become a Master Mason without in truth and in fact having become a better man."

Speaking of the lack of masonic education in the subordinate lodges, he remarks:

"This condition is one that needs remedying. How to go about it is the problem. Every lodge should have an educational program under way in some manner."

"How to go about it" is indeed the problem, but Grand Master Baughn seems to favor trained speakers as a good medium.

His comment on organizations which hang the "Masonic" tag on their title is caustic. Citing the case of a "Masonic" insurance company which apparently "acted queer" in the matter of a claim he comments:

"The lesson for the Craft to draw from this is that the general prejudice of Masons everywhere against the use of the word "Masonic" in any business connection is neither unreasonable nor wholly unfounded in past experience."

In which we heartily concur.

The usual full reports are presented by the Grand Officers and Committees.

An excellent oration by the Grand Orator, Wor. Bro. T. R. White on "The History of Masonry" is printed in full.

"Recognition is granted the Grand Lodge "Lessing Zu den drei Ringen" of the Republic of Czecho-Slovakia but refused to the Grand Lodges of Venezuela, Argentine, Guatemala and Spain.

Some of the regulations of the Grand Lodge of Arizona are of general interest:

No. 2. "That hereafter there shall be no fee for affiliation within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge * * *"

No. 13 "Every brother who has been raised to the degree of Master Mason, shall within six months after being raised, be required to pass a satisfactory examination in the lecture of the third degree, either in open lodge or before the regular examining committee, otherwise he shall not be permitted to vote on any matter before the lodge, and it shall be the duty of the Master to see that this regulation is strictly enforced."

N.B. Elsewhere in the report this regulation is interpreted as not taking away a brother's right to ballot on a petition even if he has not passed the required examination.

No. 14. "No lodge in this jurisdiction shall expend for any purpose not wholly Masonic more than ten per cent of its total revenue for the preceding year * * *"

No. 16. "Hereafter each petitioner for the degrees or applicant for affiliation shall pledge or promise the lodge to which he may apply for admission, that he will not knowingly apply to any other Concor-dant Body of Masonry for the degrees conferred therein until he shall have been a Master Mason for twelve months. A violation of this pledge or promise shall constitute a Masonic offense."

There is no review of foreign correspondence in the report.

Membership, December 31, 1924, 5,688.

Clement H. Colman, Yuma, Grand Master. George J. Roskruge, Tucson, Grand Secretary.

A. M. M.

ARKANSAS

The eighty-fourth Communication of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas met in the Albert Pike Memorial Temple in the city of Little Rock on November 17, 1925. M.W. Bro. Strom O. Whaley, Grand Master.

Before giving a detailed statement of his official acts, the Grand Master in his address does not mince words in his denunciation of agitators and Bolsheviks. He notes that the people of his state are awakening to the insidious propaganda spread by such; that the year has brought an awakening as to law enforcement and that Masonry has contributed in no small degree to this bettering of conditions. He can also see a better attitude towards the "18th Amendment."

"The drinking among our young people, which a year or two ago flourished so widely, has begun to wane—the thrill of forbidden fruit has died away with the first unpleasant taste and our young people's admiration for clean, wholesome bodies as well as alert, active minds has saved them."

He says further, "We have earned the title of the 'Wonder State,' " He gives this slogan, "California yesterday, Florida today and Arkansas tomorrow." As Florida has now practically become yesterday, we will all wait to see if Arkansas becomes "today." We wish Arkansas every good luck, but are somewhat doubtful that the boom which Florida has enjoyed is, in the long run, to be wished for. Slow and steady progress is much better for a country, as booms have the bad habit of causing a reaction which takes many years to get over.

He pays a very deserved tribute to the venerable Grand Secretary, whom he calls "The Poet Laureate of Freemasonry," who has served as Grand Secretary for forty-four years, probably a longer period than any Grand Secretary in any other jurisdiction. He is probably the Dean of not only the Grand Secretaries of America but of the World. We fear however, he must have blushed to have been called "The Poet Laureate of Freemasonry."

During his year of office, the Grand Master arrested the charters of two lodges which had practically become defunct and granted dispensations for five new lodges. Two of these were granted charters; three were continued under dispensation.

The Grand Master, under the head of "Masonic Courtesies" gives a list of forty-three requests to or from sister Grand Jurisdictions. Thirteen of these, if I have counted correctly, were to confer the E.A. degree and in most of these thirteen, all three degrees. Our constitution does not permit the Grand Master to request another lodge to confer the E.A. degree. In most cases examination of the request will show that the applicant is removing to another place and he thinks that by joining the Masonic Order he will improve his standing either socially or in business. While he may have been eligible for years, he suddenly makes up his mind to apply for membership. We fear that the words, "Uninfluenced by mercenary motives," are either not in the petition or if they are then he is disregarding them. There does not seem to us to be a shadow of reason for such requests. Never should there be a request to confer the E.A. degree outside the lodge to which he presents his petition and only on rare occasions should the request be made to confer either the F.C. or M.M. degrees.

During the year Grand Lodge suffered the loss of two of its Past Grand Masters and a District Deputy Grand Master.

The Grand Lodge has an arrangement with the Baptist State Hospital of Little Rock for the care of medical and surgical patients referred to it through the Grand Master. This arrangement had not been working quite satisfactorily; but new regulations were adopted which was expected would work out to the satisfaction of all.

No decisions worthy of note were necessary.

The Grand Lodge has a Children's Masonic Home at Batesville in which 53 boys and 60 girls are cared for. The reports of the Board of Trustees, that of the Chairman of the Executive Committee and the lady Superintendent are most interesting. The Grand Lodge of Arkansas is doing a great work in caring for the orphans of deceased members of the Order. The Grand Lodge has also built and equipped a building to treat tubercular children. This ward is in connection with the State Sanatorium and is Arkansas Masons' gift to its tubercular children. There is accommodation for forty-two children and was formally opened on December 30, 1924, and in less than a year sixty-five children had been cared for. Of this number thirty-two had left. Of these, in twelve the disease had been arrested, six showed the apparent arrest, six showed no improvement and the others showed improvement. In our opinion, for good work being done, Arkansas Grand Lodge is second to none. With a membership of 35,550 the Grand Lodge during the year gave to its Orphans' Home \$40,403.50, paid into Pension Board \$7,000.00, something over \$1.30 per member. Besides this the fifty-seven subordinate lodges contributed \$3,841.59 to the Pension Fund. Then there is the tubercular ward for children for which Belle Point Lodge, No. 20, stands sponsor.

Under the head of "Property Statement" is given a list of stock bonds and real estate mortgages, a total of \$213,250.00, most of which draws interest at 7 per cent.

The Committee on Foreign Relations reported that owing to the law in Italy which abolished all secret societies, the Grand Orient of Italy had ceased to exist. They also recommended that fraternal relations with the Grand Orient of Belgium be severed as the Bible had been removed from their altar. There is no review of foreign jurisdictions, which is greatly to be regretted.

The Grand Orator, R.W. Bro. W. A. Uttey, gave an interesting and thoughtful address on "The Mission of Masonry." The address is printed and is well worth reading.

We must congratulate R.W. Bro. Fay Hempstead for the excellent index to the Proceedings. It is most complete.

Claud L. Hill was elected M.W. Grand Master.

Five hundred and sixty subordinate lodges. Thirty-five thousand five hundred and fifty members.

H. C. T.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

The fifty-fourth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, held in the city of Kamloops on June 18, 1925. M.W. Bro. Stephen Jones, Grand Master.

M.W. Bro. Jones reports having travelled over 8,000 miles in the performance of his official duties as Grand Master.

He ruled that:

1. "There is no regulation, either in general Masonic law, or of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, which would prevent a lodge from receiving petitions from persons of any nationality whatever. In case of applicants not of the white race, however, particular care should be taken to satisfy yourself that the candidate can comply with the only religious test imposed by our laws, namely, that he holds and acknowledges a belief in one God.

2. "A man who had lost a leg above the knee, under any circumstances, is not eligible to petition for the degrees.

3. "A man who has lost his right arm between the elbow and the wrist is not eligible to apply for the degrees."

An effort is being made by this Grand Jurisdiction to reach the objective of \$250,000.00 for benevolent purposes. An appeal is being made for an average contribution of \$10.00 per member for this purpose. About \$14,000.00 were subscribed last year towards this fund.

We heartily concur with M.W. Bro. Jones in his remarks with regard to dues. He says:

"Freemasonry is a great benevolent institution which without adequate resources is greatly handicapped in its work. During the past year a number of our lodges have had trouble for lack of funds. Some of the outlying lodges have suffered a marked decrease in the number of petitions received and thus have seen a falling off in income. My own experience shows only too clearly, that there is but one true source of income upon which the lodges can safely rely, and that is annual dues. To count upon the fees from applicants for degrees is most unsatisfactory. As a result I would recommend that the annual dues of a lodge be fixed at such a sum as will safely cover all fixed expenses, as I consider this the only method of escaping deficits and financial trouble."

He suggested that the Grand Secretary accompany the Grand Master on such official occasions as constituting lodges, laying foundation stones, dedicating lodge rooms and instituting lodges, and that his travelling expenses be paid. This was evidently concurred in by Grand Lodge as an allowance of \$500.00 was made in the estimates for that purpose.

The Grand Secretary in his report states:

"Unfortunately the absence of a report from Ymir Lodge prevents me from stating accurately the increase in membership, but the total number of members is approximately 13,393, representing a gain of 620 during the year."

Grand Lodge subsequently adopted the following:

"That a penalty of \$1.00 be imposed for every day a lodge may be delinquent, (after February 28) in filing its annual returns with the Grand Secretary.

The Committee on the Reports of the D.D.G.M.'s has the following to say with regard to inaugurating a method of instruction throughout the lodges:

"The D.D.G.M. of District No. 4 alludes to the desirability of instruction by a Grand Lecturer. This matter has been referred to in reports of District Deputies for a number of years, and it appears to this committee that the time is ripe when this Grand Lodge should provide some system or means of affording instruction to lodges where needed."

The Finance Committee included an allowance of \$250.00 to provide for travelling expenses of instructors for this purpose.

The following amendment was made to the Constitution.

"If the Worshipful Master, Senior Warden and Junior Warden are absent on attendance at a Communication of Grand Lodge, then the immediate Past Master, or in his absence a Past Master of the lodge, may, if requested by the Worshipful Master, act as Master during the absence as aforesaid."

S. Y. T.

CALIFORNIA

The seventy-sixth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of California was held in the Masonic Temple at the city of San Francisco on October 13 to 16 inclusive, 1925. M.W. Bro. David J. Reese, Grand Master, presided

The annual message of the Grand Master is a comprehensive document of eighty pages in which M.W. Bro. Reese reviews his manifold activities in the discharge of the duties of his high office and expresses his views on the numerous problems presented to him through the workings of an institution comprising over 115,000 members. His ideals were lofty, his labors unremitting and his energy and zeal unbounded. He found "the great heart of Masonry is still staunch and true; that good men and Masons all over the state are carrying on in an endeavor to bring about better education, higher morals, better social conditions and are exemplifying the teachings of Freemasonry in their daily walk in life."

The following extracts from his message are instructive:

"The world judges Masonry by its least desirable member and if a lodge condones or overlooks the offenses of any one of its members, so will the world judge the character or standing of that lodge. Masonry means good citizenship. Through all of its lessons and obligations and charges winds the thread of loyalty to country; obedience to law; support of constituted authority; good citizenship. And I cannot conceive of a good Mason who is not first and above all else a good citizen."

(b) "Firm in my belief that more lodges and smaller lodges will in a great measure solve the ever present problem of apathy, disinterestedness and non-attendance of Masons at Masonic meetings, I have signified my assent to and agreement with the formation of new lodges in California during this year.

(c) "The smaller lodge of California is a thing of comfort and a joy forever. It affords the largest opportunity for and the greatest promise of future Masonic strength; it facilitates acquaintance, friendship, brotherly love; it gives opportunity for most of its members to engage in its activities, and thus encourages a greater proportion of attendance. The large lodges have become, because of their size and nature, centralized business institutions. They are managed and controlled in a cold, unresponsive, unfriendly way; and they have to be. There is in them the tendency to lay stress upon business affairs and ritualistic work; friendship, fellowship, fraternity are forgotten, or have never been thought of; the administrative affairs, the ritualistic work crowd all other conditions aside and the officers have no time, no opportunity and no enthusiasm

to perform the many duties for the advancement or the education of the members which are equally or even more important than either business or degree work."

Included in the Grand Master's message is a report of the effect of the Santa Barbara earthquake on Masonic institutions in that city and the means taken to retrieve the losses sustained; an interesting account of his official visit to the lodges in the Hawaiian Islands and the illuminating report of Grand Secretary Whicher as representative of the Grand Master of California in attendance at the festivals of the bi-centenary of the formation of the Grand Lodge of Ireland held early in June, 1925.

The most outstanding feature of the year in California was the work of the Education Committee, a special committee appointed by the Grand Master. This committee after extended labors and intensive study of the problem, presented a well considered and comprehensive plan for the Masonic education of the Craft in California. This report was adopted by Grand Lodge and a substantial appropriation made for carrying the plan into effect.

The request of the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico, A.F. & A.M. that the Grand Lodge of California enter into fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico was referred by Grand Master Reese to a special committee and was considered by the Committee on General Policy and Purposes with the result that the request was not granted.

The Grand Lodge of California reaffirmed its policy of long standing not to introduce or endeavor to influence the passage of legislation of any character or kind by national, state or municipal legislative bodies.

The annual oration of Grand Orator Robert B. Gaylord is a most inspiring message to the Craft whether in California, Alberta or elsewhere. The Craft are warned that the greatest danger in the world today is indolence, political, social and moral, and are called to meet the challenge by striving to measure up to their responsibilities and opportunities.

Total membership, 115,517; net gain, 7,344.

M.W. Bro. Albert E. Boynton, San Francisco, Grand Master.

R.W. Bro. John Whicher, San Francisco, Grand Secretary.

F. S. S.

CANADA

(In the Province of Ontario)

The seventieth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, was held in the city of Hamilton, on July 14, 1925. R.W. Bro. John A. Rowland, Acting Grand Master. M.W. Bro. W. J. Drope, Grand Master, was unable through illness to be present.

M.W. Bro. Dudley H. Ferrell, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, M.W. Bro. Arthur J. Fox, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, and M.W. Bro. W. W. Williamson, Past Grand Master and present Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, were welcome visitors at this communication.

Suitable reference was made to the great loss sustained by the brethren of this Grand Jurisdiction through the death of three highly

esteemed Past Grand Masters, M.W. Bros. A. T. Freed, W. R. White, and John E. Harding.

There are 546 lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction, of which 538 are warranted and eight are under dispensation. The present membership is estimated at about 107,000, an increase of nearly 4,000 over last year. \$107,720.00 were expended for benevolence during the past year, an increase of \$5,440.00 over the previous year.

M.W. Bro. Wm. N. Ponton, Immediate Past Grand Master, laid the corner-stone of the United Church at Point Ann, and the M.W. the Grand Master laid the corner-stone of a new Collegiate Institute in Grimsby.

The M.W. the Grand Master recommended a revision of the book of Constitution and Ceremonies of Grand Lodge and a re-organization of the Board of General Purposes.

This Grand Lodge appointed R.W. Bro. Thos. Rowe, Supervisor of Benevolence. Bro. Rowe is required to devote his whole time in supervising benevolent work, his salary to be \$3,000.00 per annum with further reimbursement for travelling expenses. R.W. Bro. J. B. Nixon, who has served so efficiently for thirty years as Inspector of Benevolent Grants, is retained as Advisory Inspector of Benevolence at a salary of \$1,200.00 per annum. After commending R.W. Bro. Nixon for his faithful service for many years, Grand Master Drope goes on to say:

"And now may I attempt a word of warning? There are things which even Grand Lodge cannot do, and I am afraid that there is a growing tendency on the part of private lodges to pass on to Grand Lodge obligations which they can and should discharge.

"Freemasonry is not a benevolent institution. It is not organized as such, and such is not its purpose. The obligation to relieve the needs of a Brother in distress is primarily the obligation of the individual member and of the lodge to which the brother belongs. It is, moreover, a duty that can neither be evaded nor delegated. Grand Lodge is ready and will always be ready to assist where assistance is required. But no effort of Grand Lodge, however great it may be, can ever take the place of the direct personal interest of the private lodge, of the word of encouragement and sympathy from a brother to a brother, of the relief that is given with a 'covered hand,' that appears upon no balance sheet, and that is received without any sense of humiliation. And a private lodge that seeks to pass on to the benevolent fund of Grand Lodge an undue portion of its responsibilities is not only acting unfairly to the other lodges, but is an enemy to its own best interest, for Masonry in a lodge which neither knows nor practises charity, like faith without works, is a thing that is dead."

He also offers a timely word of warning with regard to Masonic offences. He says:

"There is perhaps no more disturbing characteristic of the times in which we are passing than the evidences which we constantly see of the prevalence of dishonesty in high places and among those who are in positions of authority and trust, and I have been greatly disappointed to find on the part of a number of our lodges a reluctance amounting almost to an unwillingness to deal with those who have been accused and convicted of offences of a serious and criminal nature. In one instance the unwillingness was so pronounced that I finally took the case into my own hands and suspended the offending brother. The matter is too serious to be passed over in silence. It is a very plausible argu-

ment for the lodge to say that the offending brother is not a criminal at heart, that he has simply made a mistake which will not be repeated, and that it is not the part of Masonic charity to strike a man who is already down. One can understand and appreciate the desire to assist one who has fallen to rehabilitate himself; it is no more than our duty. But surely the lodge owes a duty to the Craft at large as well as to the offending brother. Masonry is not a thing of today only, or of this locality alone. It is a great system and a world-wide organization. It is built upon a foundation of mutual confidence and respect. Its usefulness, its very existence depends upon the maintenance of a standard in its membership, and upon the ability of a foreign jurisdiction to receive with confidence and safety those whom we permit to carry our credentials. And Canadian Masonry would soon forfeit the position which it now holds if, through a mistaken idea of our duties as Masons, we hesitate to purge the Order of those who have brought dishonour not only upon themselves but upon the Craft, and allow them to continue in the free exercise of our rights and privileges wherever they may go."

From his paragraph on the Ku Klux Klan we excerpt the following:

"For reasons which it is not difficult to surmise these gentlemen appear to have been conducting a rather vigorous campaign among the members of our Masonic lodges in some sections of the jurisdiction. I wish to state in the most emphatic language that the Ku Klux Klan has no connection, direct or indirect in letter, in spirit or otherwise howsoever with the Masonic Order in the Province of Ontario. It is perhaps not within my province nor do I deem it to be necessary at the present time to express any opinion or to make any ruling on the question of members of the Masonic Order becoming members of the Klan, but I venture to suggest that members of the oldest and most honourable fraternity in the world will do well to consider seriously before associating themselves with an organization which in a country where the franchise is universal and freedom of speech is assured to all, finds it necessary to conceal the identity of its membership behind a hood or a mask."

Thirty-six Past Masters, who had served as Rulers of the Craft for more than fifty years, were presented with long service medals, at the request of the Acting Grand Master by M.W. Bro. Wm. N. Ponton. M.W. Bro. Sir John M. Gibson, responded on behalf of the Masonic Veterans.

The Board on Fraternal Correspondence recommended:

"That negotiations with a view to recognition be continued with the York Grand Lodge of Mexico, and further information be secured, and that negotiations be entered into with the Grand Lodge of Denmark, the Grand Loge Nationale of France, and (with the approval of the Grand Master) with such other Grand Jurisdictions as are officially recognized by and are in fraternal correspondence and intercourse with the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland and Ireland, and with which this Grand Lodge may not have at present official fraternal relations and exchange of Grand Representatives."

The Report on Fraternal Correspondence is from the virile and versatile pen of M.W. Bro. Ponton, Immediate Past Grand Master. His report occupies 343 pages of closely printed matter and is interesting throughout.

S. Y. T.

COLORADO

The Grand Lodge of Colorado held its sixty-fifth Annual Communication at Denver, on September 15 and 16, 1925, with the Most Worshipful Grand Master, William N. Vaile, presiding.

Fourteen Special Communications were held during the year, chiefly for the purpose of laying the corner-stones of schools and churches. Public recognition of this as one of the functions of Masonry seems to be very generally extended to the Order in our sister jurisdictions farther south. The Grand Master mentioned, however, that he had consistently refused to practise this feature of operative Masonry on Sunday as being foreign to the traditions of the Craft. He also refused an invitation to lay a monument marking an important point of departure in a public highway, as road-construction is not one of the historic functions of Masonry.

The Grand Master uttered a word of warning against membership in those institutions that seek to build upon Masonry, this extending even to the Order of the DeMolay. The Grand Lodge in 1920 went on record in this respect.

From our viewpoint the most interesting part of the Grand Master's address is that dealing with the attitude of Masons towards the Ku Klux Klan. Masonic teaching and instructions are carefully reviewed, and a strong plea made that a broader and more tolerant spirit be shown in keeping with the traditions of Masonry. He closed his remarks by recommending the adoption of a resolution that Masons in the jurisdiction be cautioned against organizations which tended to disturb the harmony either of Masonic lodges or of the community generally, and specifically referring to the Klan. The Committee on Jurisprudence, however, reduced the resolution to the following:

"This Grand Lodge cautions Masons in this jurisdiction against any organization which tends to disrupt the harmony of the Craft."

Apparently this topic is a very live one in Colorado, and the end of the matter is not yet, and will not be, so long as other organizations are allowed to fasten themselves upon the body Masonic.

Several splendid addresses were given by distinguished brethren in attendance.

The proceedings of some sixty Grand Jurisdictions are ably reviewed, in which Alberta received liberal attention.

Total membership, 31,159; net gain, 908.

C. V. B.

CONNECTICUT

The one hundred and thirty-sixth Annual Communication of the M.W. Grand Lodge of Connecticut, A.F. & A.M., was held at the Masonic Temple in the city of Hartford, commencing Wednesday, February 4, 1925. M.W. Bro. Winthrop Buck, Grand Master, presided.

There were present fourteen Past Grand Masters and thirty-six representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions, Alberta not being represented. The Grand Masters of New Jersey, Rhode Island and Vermont were welcomed and received as distinguished visitors.

The address of Grand Master Buck is an interesting account of the many occasions on which he met some portion of the Craft under his guidance and direction, and indicates that enthusiasm in the work pervades this Grand Jurisdiction. There are no outstanding points in the address, which however is full to overflowing with a truly Masonic spirit.

The Grand Master reports the formation of a Past Grand Masters' Association of Connecticut. This association has held two meetings and is expected by the Grand Master to be productive of good counsel and advice.

The Grand Master deprecated strongly the Masonic chain letter and anticipates its elimination by a process of education and publicity.

The Grand Master advocated a greater use by the Craft of the Grand Lodge Library.

Fraternal recognition was granted to the Gran Logia de los Estados Unidos de Venezuela and interchange of Grand Representatives requested.

The Grand Lodge by resolution joined with the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in vigorously protesting against the attempted formation of spurious lodges within certain Grand Jurisdictions of the United States by the Grand Orient of France.

In Connecticut Grand Lodge dues of \$2.50 per member are imposed, of which \$2.15 per capita are appropriated for the purpose of the Masonic Charity Foundation, and thirty-five cents per capita for defraying the expenses of Grand Lodge.

The review of other Grand Lodges is presented by M.W. Bro. Geo. A. Kies, and is in his usual readable and informative vein. The table of statistics prepared and submitted by Bro. Kies is very interesting. The eight Grand Jurisdictions having the highest average lodge membership are as follows:

District of Columbia ...	556	Connecticut	343
Rhode Island	425	New Jersey	325
Massachusetts	381	New York	317
Pennsylvania	349	Ohio	301

Total membership, 42,906; net gain, 1,648.

Grand Master, Walter T. Arnold.

Grand Secretary, George A. Kies.

F. S. S.

DELAWARE

The one hundred and twentieth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Delaware was held in the city of Wilmington on October 7, 1925. M.W. Bro. Charles D. Bird, Grand Master.

Alberta was represented by M.W. Bro. Geo. B. Hyson, P.G.M., a member of Temple Lodge, No. 9, Milford, Kent County. Three Grand Masters from Pennsylvania, Virginia and New Jersey were honoured visitors to Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master during the year laid the corner-stones of four public schools and one community hall. Masonry in Delaware evidently carries with it the approval and appreciation of the citizens of that state.

He also visited each of the constituent lodges on one or more occasions besides attending several special Masonic functions.

He refers to the Washington National Memorial and recommended that each lodge contribute one dollar per capita towards the fund. He also approves of the work done by the Masonic Service Association and recommends that membership in the association be continued, and the sum of \$300.00 be appropriated for educational work under the Masonic Service Committee.

The work of the Masonic Home is commented on and he urges every lodge to complete their subscriptions at an early date. Evidently the Grand Master is looking further into the future, for he says: "While we point with pride to what is being done for those who are helpless by reason of age, let us not forget that our duty is only half fulfilled until we have made equal provision for those who are helpless by reason of youth. In other words, Delaware Masonry should never rest contented until full and adequate provision is made for the support and education of children of our deceased members."

The Gunning Bedford, Jr., Memorial Scholarships which are given to enable scholars to complete their education, have proven their worth, and to increase their usefulness, the per capita tax for this fund is raised from ten to fifteen cents on his recommendation.

Two rulings made by the Grand Master are of interest. It appears that two lodges, one chartered in 1849 and the other in 1857, find their original charters are becoming illegible through age. They asked to be allowed to put these charters in a safe place in order to preserve them and to use duplicate or a photographic copy in their place. The Grand Master's decision was that the original charter must always be present and displayed in the lodge while in session. It would seem that the charters must wear out and what would happen then?

He also ruled that a lodge having violated the law (in this case on a ballot) and the candidate having through no fault of his own been irregularly made a Mason, should not suffer through the illegal action of the lodge. Therefore the Grand Master declared him to be Healed and a regularly made Mason.

The Grand Master also granted several dispensations to confer degrees without waiting the usual length of time. Apparently the Grand Master yielded to custom but recommends that lodges refrain from asking for such dispensations, unless for most urgent reasons. It is plain that Masons so made, advanced and raised, cannot be well informed and will in a majority of cases join up with the army of the unaffiliated. Far better, as the Grand Master says, follow the usual course.

The report of the Masonic Service Committee seems to show the difficulties of a small jurisdiction in applying the system laid down by the Masonic Service Association, on account of expense. The committee feels that sufficient interest is not yet aroused. Yet there would seem to be good work done by the Grand Instructor from his report, and once the lodges are doing work well and efficiently the demand for further light on Masonry will become insistent.

The old records of this Grand Lodge are being overhauled by a committee who have found that printed proceedings of communications dating from 1812 to 1855 were missing, and no record at all could be found of communications between 1834 and 1840. Owing to the cost they say it would be unwise to make a reprint of the records now, which

is a great pity. It is to be hoped that the Grand Lodge of Delaware will make a special effort to get together what remain of old records from constituent lodges and private members. These old documents are now very valuable, especially when belonging to an historic old New England State like Delaware.

Small as this jurisdiction may be, they are supporting a Masonic Home, which is a credit to the Craft in Delaware, and which appears to be in a very good financial condition. The debt has been substantially reduced and is fully covered by monies due from some of the constituent lodges. The total investment will be about \$180,000.00—a very creditable showing for 5,800 members. They have in the home twenty-one guests and also maintain one non-resident. In addition the Masons of Delaware support the scholarship scheme already referred to.

The report on correspondence is under the chairmanship of Bro. Thomas J. Day. Alberta for 1925 is reviewed and M.W. Bro. Reid quoted at some length as to his strictures on publicity and the chain prayer nuisance.

Number of lodges, 22; number of members, 5,854.

James P. Pierce, Grand Master.

John M. Robinson, Grand Secretary.

J. H. W. S. K.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

The Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia held its Annual Communication at the city of Washington, D.C., December 16, 1925. The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Roe Fulkerson, presiding.

The Grand Master in one of the most comprehensive and complete addresses I have ever read, goes thoroughly into the Masonic work of this Grand Lodge for the year. He has left nothing and has overlooked nothing. How he found the time to do it all I know not. He is to be congratulated on the attainment of the two objectives he set out to accomplish. Through his leadership, the very ambitious project District of Columbia Masons have undertaken on Temple Heights, is put on a practical basis, the United Masonic Temple is within sight. That it is no small matter may be realized when the cost of the nine acres called Temple Heights is mentioned—\$900,000.00. The Grand Master believes in thorough organization, and he found it in the W.M.'s Association and as a reward for their efforts, at his recommendation they are officially recognized by Grand Lodge and will continue their good work.

Always a great advocate of education, his other objective was the establishment of a practical plan for Masonic education which would be available to every member. The Committee he appointed worked out a plan whereby three general assemblies will be held each year, when those attending may hear addresses by competent speakers on Masonic subjects. Each lodge shall have at least one short talk bulletin by the M. S. A. read once a month. Initiates shall be presented with one set of the "Little Masonic Library" and one year's subscription to the "Master Mason," and lastly they recommend and Grand Lodge approves of a minimum fee of \$65.00 for the three degrees, so as to defray the cost of the educational service. In the Grand Master's address he quotes in full a booklet entitled "Preparation", which indicates the attitude of mind a petitioner ought to have towards his admission amongst Masons.

The Grand Master laid two corner-stones during the year and seems to have been unusually successful in withstanding the too general custom of requesting dispensations for "convenience rather than necessity," and his decisions were marked by plain common sense. Grand Masters of the District of Columbia, must with their staff of officers visit each and every lodge. These Grand visitations take place in the fall and to carry them out is a heavy undertaking. The Grand Master remarks that with the large number of lodges, they are at best a hardship and he endeavored to minimize the difficulties by visiting two lodges on the same night.

He urges the support of the Washington Memorial fund of the Masonic Service Association. He has this to say regarding Study Clubs: "One of the most effective means of Masonic education." "If properly arranged and graded, they are very beneficial. It should be clearly understood that their purpose which is general education, will be largely defeated if the course be too scientific and too highly specialized. They should be suited in their character to the intelligence of the average brother, with a decided practical application." He strongly recommended the formation of Study Clubs.

Their benevolent work is on a large scale. The Masonic and Eastern Star Home is a splendid institution. A new building was commenced to provide accommodation for children at a cost of \$120,000.00. However the Grand Master finds it necessary to recommend an increase in the per capita tax to take care of the deficit, which was approved by Grand Lodge. The per capita tax and fees levied by this Grand Lodge for the home, amounted to \$21,830.22 for the previous year and the total income from all sources was \$42,740.00. Their deficit amounted to \$6,300.00; hence the increase in per capita.

The Grand Master has very special commendation for the Masters' Association. This association is composed of the W.M.'s of the lodges. Being practically a city jurisdiction, they are in touch with one another and meet frequently. They have been largely instrumental in the success of the homes in raising funds by means of an Annual Field Day, on which occasion a large sum of money is raised yearly for the home. I would commend a study of the working of this idea of a W.M.'s Association to the cities in this jurisdiction. The Grand Master found this association a ready and efficient organization in raising funds for the Masonic Temple project. He again and again refers to the campaign they put on and the wonderful success which attended their efforts. He also has this to say of them: "It is safe to say that no one factor of our Masonry in the District of Columbia has done more to bring about closer relations between our lodges and whole hearted co-operation by our fraternity in the many projects in which we are engaged."

The Grand Master investigated the work of the Employment Bureau and made several recommendations for the re-organization of this bureau and the better carrying out of the important work it undertakes in securing employment for members.

In all, the Grand Master has set a high mark for his successors.

The correspondence is under the able guidance of M.W. Bro. George W. Baird, P.G.M., who as always presents a very complete and full report. Alberta for M.W. Bro. Reid's year, receives kindly notice and he comments with approval on our Masonic work.

Number of lodges, 41.

Sydney R. Jacobs, Grand Master.

J. Claude Keiper, Grand Secretary.

J. H. W. S. K.

ENGLAND

Quarterly Communications of this Grand Lodge were held during the year. His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, K.G., etc., Grand Master.

His Royal Highness is now seventy-five years of age. He has been a member of the Craft for fifty years and has occupied the office of Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England for twenty-five years in succession.

At the September Communication of Grand Lodge, the President of the Board of General Purposes moved the following resolution:

"That Grand Lodge take into consideration the amendments of the Book of Constitutions of which notice has been given by the Board of General Purposes; that after the close of today's discussion, their consideration be resumed at the Quarterly Communication next ensuing; and that brethren wishing to move any amendments or additions to the proposed revised rules, be desired to transmit the same to the Grand Secretary on or before October 31 next, in order that they may be considered and reported on by the Board before the December Communication."

One cannot help but admire the careful and deliberate consideration of the proposed amendments to the Constitution, before they are adopted by Grand Lodge. The Board further considered the amendments to the Book of Constitutions which it submitted to Grand Lodge at the last Quarterly Communication with a view to removing a number of practical difficulties which had arisen. A number of lodges and brethren responded to the invitation to forward suggestions arising out of the Board's proposals and these were taken into full and sympathetic consideration by the Board. A number were accepted and the proposals thus amended were submitted to Grand Lodge for its approval. Two amendments to the Constitution are of special interest to the brethren of this jurisdiction; the one referring to the status of an honorary member in a lodge and the other to the withdrawal of membership in a lodge. The Rules read as follows:

Rule 188.

"A lodge shall have power, after notice placed on the summons, to elect as an Honorary Member any Brother who is, or who within the previous year has been, a subscribing member of a regular lodge. Such Honorary Member, who shall not be liable for any fees payable to the lodge, shall possess the right of attending the meetings of the lodge, but not, unless he ceases to be an Honorary Member by becoming a subscribing member of the lodge in accordance with Rules 189 and 189a, of taking part in any vote or holding any office under Rule 129. No dues, payable to Grand Lodge or Provincial or District Grand Lodge under Rules 104, 110, 306, 307, and 308, shall be paid in respect to an honorary member. The name of such honorary member shall not be included in the list of subscribing members returned to Grand Lodge in accordance with Rule 173."

Rule 213.

"A member of a lodge may resign his membership at any time. Such resignation must be communicated either by a letter or written notice addressed to the Secretary, or orally to the lodge at a regular meeting. If it be so communicated to the Secretary, he shall, unless it has been in the meantime withdrawn by letter to him, communicate it to the lodge

at the next regular meeting thereof. The resignation takes effect from the time when it is communicated to the lodge, but, if it be first communicated to the Secretary as aforesaid, it dates back on communication to the lodge to the date of the receipt by him of the letter or notice. No acceptance of the resignation is necessary, and, subject to the following proviso, it is, after communication to the lodge, irrevocable. Provided that if, when the resignation is communicated to the lodge as aforesaid, the member be desired by a majority of the members present and voting to withdraw his resignation, he may within twenty-one days after the communication to him of such desire, withdraw the resignation which, if he does so withdraw it, shall be considered cancelled."

W. Bro. Lionel Vibert of Lodge No. 2076, London, Eng., at the unanimous wish of the Board of General Purposes, was reappointed by the Trustees of the Prestonian Fund, Prestonian Lecturer for the coming year. Much success has attended this series of lectures, and an increased number of applications have been presented for the coming year.

The Board reported a further donation of Danish Jewels from the Museum of the Grand Lodge of Denmark. This gift now makes complete the collection of Lodge Jewels worn by all the Danish and Icelandic Lodges.

The Special Committee on the Masonic Peace Memorial reported that the total amount promised to date is £840,500.

Thirty-three lodges qualified for the Hall Stone Lodge Medal at the December Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, and the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania each has requested the acceptance of a donation of \$1,000.00 towards this scheme. The M.W. Pro. Grand Master in presenting the Hall Stone medals to the recipients said:

"The M.W. the Grand Master hopes that in every case these medals will be worn for many years to come and that long hence, when most of us will be here no more, these jewels will be a source of pride to those who are members of the lodges at that time. He trusts that there will be no misunderstandings of the purposes of these jewels. They do not in any way indicate and they ought not to suggest any pride of wealth. It is well understood that whereas some lodges and some brethren can give freely and largely without feeling it, there are others to whom even a small contribution means a very great sacrifice. These jewels therefore are not meant to mark out those who have had the means to give generously and largely. They are intended to commemorate the names of those lodges which will have played a large part in the foundations of this great new Temple on which we are building so many of our hopes for the whole future of English Freemasonry and indeed of Freemasonry throughout the world."

S. Y. T.

IDAHO

The fifty-eighth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Idaho was held at Pocatello, September 8, 9, 10, 1925.

M.W. Bro. Frank Knox, Grand Master, 1924-25.

M.W. Bro. Will H. Gibson, Grand Master, 1925-6.

R.W. Bro. Curtis F. Pike, Grand Secretary.

Lodges, 78; members, 9,761; net increase for the year 261.

Alberta's Grand Representative present.

The address of the Grand Master is of local interest only, and consists in a large part of decisions, most of which were made by reference to the Masonic Law.

Idaho is divided into seven Masonic Districts, each having its District Deputy Grand Master. The Grand Master attended the District Meeting in each of these districts and in connection with them says:

"The District Meetings seem to be arousing greater interest each year and are proving to be of great benefit to the Craft.

"The addresses made at them show splendid preparation and the informal discussions bring out many valuable matters for consideration and thought. I am deeply indebted to the District Deputies for the manner in which they have done their work so faithfully and well. Their reports to the Grand Master are not only of great interest, but of exceeding help."

Several dispensations for various purposes were granted during the year, but the Grand Master notes one refusal, and says in regard to it:

"Under date of October 4, 1924, I received a request from the assistant chief engineer of the Oregon Short Line Railroad Company requesting that the Masonic lodge lay the corner-stone of the new depot at Boise. Believing that the laying of a corner-stone of a railway depot was not such as would come within the construction to be placed on our laws, on October 5, 1924, I declined to convene a Special Communication of Grand Lodge for that purpose."

Among his decisions we note the following:

"Q. Is it possible for constituent lodges to donate from their funds to such orders as the Boy Scouts?

"A. I know of nothing that would prevent them from doing so, but I do not believe that it would be advisable."

He says further:

"At the meeting of District No. 1, in Cœur D'Alcne on July 14, the following question was propounded:

"In case a Junior Warden refuses to bring charges against a member, what procedure should be followed?

"The question I believe, should be referred to the Jurisprudence Committee for appropriate recommendation."

The Jurisprudence Committee in their report on the question say:

"In regard to the duties of the Junior Warden—it is the duty of the Junior Warden to prefer charges when ordered to do so by the Worshipful Master. If he refuses, the Worshipful Master shall report the fact to the Grand Master, who should suspend him from office and report the matter to the Grand Lodge."

The Grand Secretary's Report shows two new lodges chartered during the year and one new lodge established under dispensation. It also shows total receipts during the year of \$61,854.45 and a balance on hand of \$23,577.54.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows total assets of \$139,061.42, including the permanent Orphans' Home Fund, with investments of \$110,317.19.

A splendid address was delivered by Bro. J. G. Eldridge, Grand Orator, who commences by saying:

"At none of the Communications of Grand Lodge which I have been privileged to attend from time to time over a period of twelve years have I ever heard a Grand Orator function. I have seen them as they stood in the East to be decorated with the jewel of their office and to receive their charge, but in actual operation—never, though I know some of you have.

"Grand Wardens may keep watch and ward; Grand Pursuivants may pursue; Grand Marshals may proclaim; Grand Stewards may stew (this is a purely historical allusion to the ancient function of the office) and Grand Deacons may with all dignity exercise their deaconate, but in my times at least at Grand Lodge, no Grand Orator has availed himself of the privilege of his office—or shall I say—has ever been foolhardy enough—to stand in his place and address his fellow Past Masters on matters as well known to them as they are to himself. I hazard the guess that for a Grand Orator to do so is as great a surprise to Grand Lodge as was mine last September at Lewiston at being named to this honourable office. However, I am somewhat of a strict constructionist and I have borne in mind the charge of the installing officer—"

Then he goes right on and delivers a most excellent and meaty oration which we would like very much to repeat here did space allow.

The Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence includes a matter of special interest to Alberta Masons, the subject being the case of two Masons from Idaho who, contrary to the Masonic law of Idaho respecting dual membership, petitioned for and obtained membership in an Alberta lodge by affiliation while still retaining their membership in the Idaho lodge. They were for some reason not appearing in the proceedings, suspended by the Alberta lodge. The majority of the Jurisprudence Committee recommended that their lodge in Idaho proceed to try them for un-Masonic conduct in violating the Masonic law of Idaho by joining the Alberta lodge while still members of the Idaho lodge. The minority report is as follows:

"In the matter referred to it by the Grand Master under the heading of dual membership, a minority of the Jurisprudence Committee holds that when a Masonic penalty is imposed by a lodge in a jurisdiction with which we hold fraternal relations, whether he be a member of one of our lodges or not, we should recognize such action. As the members were suspended by a lodge in Alberta, their status in the Idaho lodge is that of suspended members."

The majority report was adopted.

The report on foreign correspondence brought in by Bro. John W. Shore, chairman, consists of extremely well written reviews of the proceedings of sixty-eight Grand Lodges, Alberta receiving about two pages in connection with our 1924 Communication. The reviews are arranged in topical outline and are very well handled.

G. F. A.

ILLINOIS

The eighty-sixth Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Illinois met in the city of Chicago on October 13, 1925.

In opening his address M.W. Bro. Richard C. Davnport, the Grand Master, quotes the following:

" . . . Give to me, O God, the power to serve
My fellows and my age—the power to live—
The power to work—co-laborer with Thee!
And give me that honest pride which scorns
To take more than my honest share—the pride
To give to my fellow man more than his due."

He reports conditions in general are good. The Craft is working harmoniously and is flourishing. He refers to the tornado which on March 18, 1925, passed over the southern part of the state, causing the death of 523 and injury to 1,513, and a loss in property estimated at \$50,000,000.00. The Grand Master the next morning visited the scene of the disaster and immediately organized a relief committee to help stricken Masons and their families. He issued a call for funds and nearly \$84,000.00 was raised for this purpose.

The Grand Master reports the passing of four Grand Lodge members. One, Bro. Hugh A. Snell was the Grand Representative of our Grand Lodge.

He visited the annual meeting of the George Washington National Memorial Association on February 23 and 24, taking with him a cheque for \$60,000.00. He states that while practically all of the lodges in the jurisdiction have made substantial contribution, only 270 have contributed their full quota of \$1.00 per member.

Under the head of "Decisions", he ruled that membership was permitted in a lodge under a foreign jurisdiction without dimitting from his Mother lodge. This is different from the ruling made by some Grand Masters in other jurisdictions. The Committee on Jurisprudence, however, quote Code No. 423, "No Mason shall be an actual member of more than one chartered lodge," and interpret this literally whereas, although he does not say so, the Grand Master evidently put the interpretation that dual membership was not permitted in more than one lodge within the jurisdiction of Illinois.

It speaks well for this jurisdiction when, notwithstanding that there are nearly one thousand lodges, none required disciplining and only one Master was suspended. His trial was pending.

Under Recommendations, the Grand Master proposed simplifying the procedure in suspending for non-payment of dues. If the brother fails to respond after proper notice he is to be automatically suspended and automatically re-instated if his dues are paid within a specified time. The Committee on Legislation however reported they were unable to concur in this plan and suggested certain amendments to the Code which would, after proper notice had been served, order the procedure now prescribed, which is suspension after ballot. This was adopted.

The word "new" was struck out of the section of the Code which read before the amendment "No new lodge shall be named for any living person." This was to cover a case where an old chartered lodge requested leave to be renamed after a living person.

The Code was also, at the recommendation of the Grand Master, amended to cover the recommendation approved last year of not asking lodges in Illinois to confer the E. A. degree upon other than their own candidates. This jurisdiction now refuses to request or be requested to confer by courtesy the E. A. degree. A step in the right direction.

On the recommendation of the Grand Master, notice of motion was given to amend the Code so that all initiates shall pay to the Charity Fund an additional fee of ten dollars. There is no doubt that next year when this motion comes up, it will be adopted; as over thirteen thousand were initiated during the year this will mean a good increase to this fund.

During the year the Grand Master constituted eighteen new lodges, and instituted fourteen. Nine corner-stones were laid of new Masonic Temples, four Churches, one High School, one Y.M.C.A., one Gymnasium, one Public School and the Chicago Unit of the Shriners' Hospitals for Crippled Children. Thirteen new Masonic Temples were dedicated.

The Grand Secretary's salary was increased to \$5,000.00 per year.

Illinois has two Masonic Homes, one for children, the other for the old. The reports of the Board of Managers and Superintendents of these institutions are most interesting. In the Orphans' Home, 192 children are being cared for. During the year forty-six were discharged and sixty-two admitted, an increase of sixteen. In the home there was also an increase of twenty-one over the previous year. The inmates total 171, 113 men and 58 women. An addition to the hospital is being erected, costing about \$100,000.00. One half of this was donated by the Grand Chapter, R.A.M. Forty-seven of the inmates are permanent hospital patients. 170 cases had been treated in the hospital in the past year.

The Grand Orator, Bro. Charles S. Deneen gave the annual oration and is printed in full. His subject, "The Reign of Law," is ably handled. It is a thoughtful address and well repays one for reading. Bro. John R. Flotron, P.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Ohio was introduced to Grand Lodge and gave a short address. Bro. Robert I. Clegg, the Historian of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, also gave a short address.

Bro. Tinsley, D.D.G.M. of the First District, gave a short account of his visit to the United Grand Lodge of England as the representative of the Grand Lodge of Illinois. He says: "I was royally entertained and I could not ask for any better treatment than I received in the Grand Lodge of England."

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is written by M.W. Bro. Elmer E. Beach, P.G.M. He reviews sixty-six jurisdictions, if we have counted correctly. The Proceedings of Rhode Island for both the years 1924 and 1925 are reviewed. This will make a total of sixty-seven reviews. It is a faithful resume of the work being done by the various Grand Lodges. The review of the Alberta proceedings, while not long, covers the most important points.

Bro. Richard C. Davenport was re-elected Grand Master.

Number of lodges, 979.

Membership, June 30, 1925, 279,596.

Net gain for the year, 8,816.

H. C. T.

INDIANA

The One Hundred and Eighth Annual Meeting of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Indiana, met in the Grand Lodge Hall of the Masonic Temple in the City of Indianapolis, on Tuesday, May 26, 1925.

Before the convening of Grand Lodge in formal session, an open meeting was held according to custom, in the Grand Lodge Auditorium. This was attended by the members, their wives and friends, and after a selection by the Boys' Band of the Indiana Masonic Home, the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. J. Lee Dinwiddie introduced Bro. Robert C. Baltzell, recently appointed Judge of the Federal Court for that district, who gave a most interesting address. He strongly urged that it is the duty of every Mason to uphold the constitution and laws of the United States of America. His closing words were:

"In brief, my brethren, these are but some of the things for which in my opinion, all true Masons stand. These are the aims and purposes, the principles and ideals of the Masonic Lodge. We believe that the Masonic Lodge renders its members nobler and the world better and happier; we believe that our lodge stands for a better manhood and a better citizenship. We believe it makes for virtue, morality and righteousness among men and we believe as we pass to the Great Beyond we shall be just a little worthier and just a little better prepared to stand in the Supreme Presence of God because the principles of Masonry have been the inspiration of our lives."

On that evening an entertainment was given by the children and young folks of the Home and the next morning five hundred and seventy-five representatives and friends visited the Home at Franklin.

In his annual address, Grand Master Dinwiddie after his opening remarks refers to his attendance at the meeting of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association on February 23, 1925, and recommended that the Grand Lodge at this meeting determine the amount which it will contribute. Later in the proceedings, a committee which had been appointed at last year's meeting reported that Indiana raise its quota to this fund of one dollar per member by increasing the Grand Lodge per member dues from forty to sixty cents for the next five years and that twenty cents of this amount be paid each year to this fund. This report was adopted.

He next refers to the Sojourners' Club in connection with the United States Veterans' Hospital at Fort Bayard, New Mexico, which he found most deserving and sent five hundred dollars to assist in the expenses of the club.

He refused endorsement of Grand Lodge to a great many applications of persons and organizations to raise money for various objects, also asking to lay corner-stones or for lodge to hold picnics or home comings on Sunday.

He found a conflict between the General Regulations and the Burial Ritual. The former gives lodges at their discretion the privilege of giving Masonic Burial to non-affiliates while the latter mentions only affiliated Masons. He ruled that the General Regulations prevailed.

The Grand Master himself or Deputy, inspected thirteen new halls and granted permission to remove the charters of the lodges to the new premises. He or his deputy laid the corner-stones of five Masonic

Temples, four High Schools, two Post Office Buildings, two Churches, one City Hall, one Hospital and one Gymnasium. He or his deputy dedicated six Masonic Temples. Two new lodges were instituted.

Under the head of "Opinion Given," the Grand Master ruled:

"That a brother who took his dimit over two years ago has no right to visit a lodge."

"That after the W.M. declared a candidate rejected a new ballot could not be taken when it was discovered that there were more ballots in the box than voters."

"That a candidate who had taken the E. A. and F. C. and first section of the M. M. and then refused to go on had forfeited his right to the degree." He had allowed seven years to elapse without asking for same. The Committee on Jurisprudence, however, reported that as no charges had been brought against the brother he would be entitled to receive the last part of the degree. After some discussion and the rejection of an amendment, the report of the Committee carried.

"That all social rooms should be dark on nights when the lodge is in session and that it is the duty of the W.M. to see that this is done."

"That no charges should be laid three years after the trouble occurred." The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence in considering this matter in their report say: "The rule in Smythe's Masonic Law, page 246, is declared to be that there is no Masonic law adopting the civil Statute of Limitations, but the practice of raking from the ashes of oblivion, ancient charges is not to be commended. It has been explained to the Committee by the Grand Master that he intended nothing more by his decision."

We fully agree with this, if the charges were not of a serious nature.

The Constitution provides that there is to be no meetings of lodges on Sunday except to attend a funeral service. On the request of a lodge for permission to hold a memorial service on Sunday for deceased members, the Grand Master ruled that such, being of the nature of a funeral service, were permissible.

The National Masonic Research Society of St. Louis, Missouri, wrote the Grand Master asking, "Should a Grand Lodge By-Law regulate the time to elapse between a candidate's receiving his third degree and his petitioning for membership in Royal Arch or Scottish Rite Bodies? Has your Grand Jurisdiction taken any action?" To this the Grand Master, wisely we think, answered that no action on the subject had been taken, nor could he see how the Grand Lodge would have any right to pass such legislation. We think with the Grand Master, that such is within the legislative jurisdiction of the bodies petitioned to.

Indiana has a very fine Masonic Home. Within it is cared for 101 men, 53 women, 95 boys and 89 girls, a total of 338. In connection with the Home there are 223 acres on which are built sixteen buildings, yet it is crowded and there is a waiting list of 25 children and 20 aged persons. The Scottish Rite of the Valley of Indianapolis have built and furnished a building. Another was donated by the Knights Templar of Indiana. The Order of the Eastern Star erected and equipped a hospital. The whole plant cost over one million dollars and is absolutely free from debt. June 24th is set apart as an annual Indiana Masonic Home Day. Lodges which contribute one dollar or over per member each year are put

in the Honor Roll. In 1922 there were thirty-six lodges on the Honor Roll and in 1924 there were sixty-three.

During the year the Grand Lodge suffered the loss by death of P.G.M. William Ridley.

The charter of one lodge was arrested. Eight lodges had their charters suspended for thirty days for insubordination of different kinds. The charters of two other lodges were suspended until the officers became proficient in the work of conferring degrees. Three lodges were put on probation until their officers became proficient in the work. Two dispensations were granted to form new lodges.

Quite an interesting case arose out of what is meant by Masonic orphans. Forty-five years ago a man died, who at the time of his death, was a member in good standing in Union Lodge No. 2, Madison, Indiana. The family removed shortly after from the State. In July, 1924, the Secretary of the Masonic Relief Board of Oakland, California, requested Union Lodge to contribute to the relief of four adult unmarried, aged daughters of this member. Union Lodge failed to comply and the matter was brought to the attention of the Grand Master of Indiana. The Grand Master after considerable correspondence, ordered Union Lodge to contribute each month a substantial allowance. Union Lodge sent \$50.00 and later \$25.00 and then questioned the authority of the Grand Master to compel Masonic charitable contributions by the lodge, unless the lodge by its own voluntary action favor such contributions. The Grand Master arrested Union Lodge charter for violation of his order and it was restored when the lodge unwillingly agreed to pay \$25.00 per month. The Committee on Jurisprudence, after giving the facts, reports as follows:

"The action of the Grand Master was based upon an act of the Grand Lodge found in the Proceedings of 1910, which provides that it is the duty of subordinate lodges to contribute to the relief of needy Master Masons, their widows and orphans, to such an extent as the lodge finds itself financially able to do.

"It is the opinion of your Committee on Jurisprudence, that the adult children of Master Masons are not the orphans of Masons in the accepted term which is intended to refer to the minor children of a Mason. Your Committee does not question that the children of a Master Mason, regardless of their age, are entitled to the consideration of the lodge of which the father was a member, but it is our opinion that the question as to the worthiness of the cause, the obligation of the lodge and the amount of fraternal assistance to be expended, are matters which lie entirely within the province of the lodge. This opinion is substantiated by many acts of the Grand Lodge in past years, and the law of the Grand Lodge as established by its previous declarations, is that the Grand Lodge has not the power of controlling the charity of any subordinate lodge, and the Charity fund of each and every lodge is under its own control. This declaration has been made on various occasions since the year 1862 and was confirmed specifically in 1890. It is the opinion of your committee as an established principle, that the Grand Lodge nor the Grand Master has the right to require a subordinate lodge to contribute relief in a case where the lodge does not reasonably consider the cause a worthy one, nor to require a lodge to contribute a specific amount of relief which the lodge considers beyond its reasonable financial ability to pay. It has been the accepted precedent and custom of this Grand Lodge that the distribution of charity is a local matter pertaining to the subordinate lodges and lies within the province of the subordinate lodges. The Committee holds that every lodge is obligated to pay its just obligations to its members

and their dependents, and that it is to the discredit and disgrace of the lodge and it should be disciplined when it fails to do so, but we do not consider that the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master should attempt to determine fixed amounts and times of payment, which in effect create a pension system."

After some discussion, this report was adopted.

The annual review is written by Bro. Elmer F. Gay, P.G.M., whose portrait precedes the review. It is well written and contains much valuable information. The 1924 proceedings of Alberta are reviewed.

Number of lodges, 557; number of members, 124,102; net gain, 3,120.

Albert W. Funkhouser was elected Grand Master.

The Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. Wm. H. Swintz, was re-elected.

H. C. T.

IOWA

The Eighty-second Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, A.F. & A.M., was convened in the City of Davenport, on June 9, 1925. M.W. Bro. Ernest R. Moore, Grand Master, presided.

This meeting was held in the new Masonic Temple at Davenport, and Grand Lodge was welcomed by Bro. L. E. Roddewig, Mayor of the City, in an interesting address in which he recited many of the achievements of Davenport both in municipal and Masonic spheres. R.W. Bro. Fred G. Hansen, Deputy Grand Master, made fitting response.

The number of lodges represented at the communication was 471, out of a total of 555 working lodges, total attendance being 815.

The address of the Grand Master is a clear and strong presentation of the Masonic activities in this jurisdiction, both with reference to the Craft in Iowa and beyond its borders. The most striking feature was the intimation that on March 1, 1925, the Grand Master had given to the Masonic Service Association of the United States a notice of intention on the part of the Grand Lodge of Iowa to withdraw and his recommendation that authority be given to the incoming Grand Master, acting with the approval of an Advisory Committee, to be appointed by him, to continue such membership, or to consummate such withdrawal under notice theretofore given by the Grand Master. This recommendation was adopted by Grand Lodge.

Another recommendation related to the transfer of membership from one lodge to another within the jurisdiction, proposing a method of transfer of membership which would not require a limit to be taken out until election by the lodge applied to. This recommendation was adopted by Grand Lodge and made an amendment to their constitution.

The work of the Masonic Service Committee is highly commended by the Grand Master. The work is carried on by the main committee assisted by a large number of voluntary lecturers of culture and ability. During the year a large number of important addresses were delivered throughout the jurisdiction, among them an address by the Grand Master on "Personal Responsibility," in which the Grand Master sought to impress on his hearers the responsibility of the individual Mason in his own life and in his influence by contact in his community, to make evident the

fundamental teachings of the Fraternity. This particular address was delivered by the Grand Master on forty different occasions during the year and appears to have made a very strong impression upon the Craft in that state.

In this State there were held during the year under review 327 schools of instruction, five Grand Lodge schools, twenty-eight district schools, two hundred and thirty-three representative schools and sixty-one private schools. These schools were under the charge of instructors who received certificates for proficiency in the work. During the year thirty-six district lecturers certificates were granted and forty-six proficiency certificates to other workers, a total of eighty-two. These statistics would seem to indicate a high degree of efficiency and activity throughout the Craft in this jurisdiction with regard to the esoteric work.

During the year under review, R.W. Bro. Newton Ray Parvin, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, passed to his eternal reward and there is evidence everywhere throughout the proceedings of Grand Lodge of a keen sense of their loss, coupled with the highest praise of the services rendered by R.W. Bro. Parvin as Grand Secretary for a period of twenty-five years. Particular reference was made to his work in connection with the Grand Lodge Library with which he was so intimately connected and which had been brought to such a high state of efficiency and excellence under his direction and guidance.

This Grand Lodge at this communication withdrew recognition from the Grand Orient of France on the ground that it had invaded the jurisdictional rights of several Grand Bodies of the United States.

The Report on Fraternal Correspondence is again submitted by M.W. Bro. Louis Block, and in addition to the reviews of the proceedings of other Grand Lodges, contains an extremely interesting Foreword entitled, "The Design of the Masonic Institution" and also an Afterword entitled, "Masonry and Music." We commend both this "Foreword" and "Afterword" to the careful and sympathetic study of all the Masters of lodges who desire to make their lodge meetings instructive and interesting. If the Masters and officers of lodges can be imbued with the clear insight and fine enthusiasm of M.W. Bro. Block, there would be little difficulty in procuring large attendance at lodge meetings.

Total membership, 85,707; net gain, 1,836.

M.W. Bro. T. W. Wellington, Grand Master.

R.W. Bro. Chas. C. Hun, Grand Secretary.

F. S. S.

IRELAND

The St. John's Day Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in the City of Dublin, on December 28, 1925. R.W. Bro. Colonel Claude Cane, Deputy Grand Master, presided.

Seventeen provinces comprise this Grand Jurisdiction. Over 60,000 members meet within the walls of its 700 lodges. The Deputy Grand Master has the following to say regarding Masonry in Ireland:

"Masonry generally has been anything but at a standstill in Ireland. It has been progressing not perhaps by the same leaps and bounds that it

did for the few years after the war, but steadily and in the very best possible way. I really think that what I may call the hostile element in this country of ours is having its hostility considerably modified, if not weakened. I think there is a kindlier feeling over the whole of Ireland than there ever has been before, and I think that these Bi-Centenary Celebrations of ours have had a good deal to say to that. For instance, you heard of *ad nauseam* the charges brought against us of irreligion and of a wish to subvert the powers that be. Now who, whether he agreed with us or not, could see that magnificent service in St. Patrick's Cathedral, where some 3,000 Masons gathered together to do homage to and to give thanks to the Great Architect of the Universe, and say we were irreligious? Who could see that representative gathering of men and statesmen who assembled on that occasion and say we were out to subvert the order of society? It is ridiculous, and I think that has been felt by, at any rate, the men of any weight in this new State of ours. I think that they see that Freemasonry is an asset to any State, instead of its being a danger or a disadvantage. A Society like ours, based on the principles of loyalty to God and to the State, is the very greatest asset which any State can have within its borders. We do not interfere in politics, but we are the strongest supporters of the State, and it is our bounden duty as Masons to support law and order as against anarchy and confusion. That is one of the first principles of Masonry, and any State possessing a strong Grand Lodge has, as I said, a most valuable asset within its borders."

Even the Ancient Grand Lodge of Ireland finds it necessary to hold regular Lodges of Instruction in order to maintain that uniformity of work which is essential to the success of our lodges everywhere. The Grand Secretary in his report in this connection says:

"The ordinary meetings, held in Dublin have generally been well attended. The Brethren who habitually attend these meetings show they have not merely attained a proficiency in the proper rendering of the Ritual of Ancient Craft Masonry under the Irish Constitution, but that they have a growing appreciation of the significance of that Ritual and a desire to carry it out in a rational rather than in an empirical manner.

"In accordance with the permission of Grand Lodge granted in 1924, for the holding of instructional meetings in Belfast similar to those held in Dublin, six such meetings have been held, at which V.W. Bro. E. R. Wade, Assistant Grand Secretary for Instruction in Belfast, has acted as Secretary for Instruction." The Grand Lodges of the Provinces of Antrim and Down have cordially co-operated with Bro. Wade.

"The result has been most encouraging. The attendances have been very large, notwithstanding that it was considered necessary to limit the admission of members of the lodges in the provinces in Antrim and Down to two brethren from each lodge at each meeting.

"It may be confidently hoped that the continuance of such meetings will promote accuracy and uniformity of working, and thus will tend to maintain in purity the Ritual of which Irish Masons are justly proud."

Interesting reports are presented from representatives of each of the Provincial Grand Lodges. Notwithstanding the business depression existing in many parts of the Emerald Isle, the brethren have continued to support liberally their three benevolent institutions, the Orphan School at Ballsbridge for girls and at Richview for boys, and their Masonic Annuity Fund for aged Masons. There are now 105 girls and 102 boys on the rolls of these schools, while 120 annuitants received support from the Victoria Jubilee Fund.

The outstanding event in this jurisdiction during the past year was the celebration of the Bi-Centenary of this Grand Lodge on June 4th. About 3,000 specially appointed Freemasons from all parts of Ireland were present, and also delegations from the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Maryland, California, Denmark, Ontario and West Australia.

A Service of thanksgiving was held in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, at which the Most Rev. Chas. F. D'Arcy, D.D., Lord Primate of all Ireland and Senior Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, preached the sermon, taking as his text, Psalm CXXVII-1, "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it."

A Stated Communication of the Grand Lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall at 6.30 o'clock p.m. of the same day. M.W. the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Donoughmore, K.P., Grand Master, presided over the assembly, which included the visiting Grand Officers and which crowded all parts of the Grand Lodge room. The proceedings consisted largely of addresses of welcome to the visiting delegates and their reply thereto.

The Festival Banquet in the Banqueting Hall immediately following the close of the meeting of Grand Lodge, was the concluding engagement of a memorable day. Over two hundred and thirty brethren were enabled to participate in this auspicious occasion.

S. Y. T.

KANSAS

Sixty-ninth Annual Communication held in Wichita, Kansas, February 25th and 26th, 1925. M.W. Bro. Elmer F. Strain, Grand Master in the East.

The Grand Master's address is a comprehensive summary of the year's work, most of this matter of interest in his own jurisdiction. The following decision, later approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence, is included here as a matter of record.

"Regardless of change in By-law raising or lowering the amount, the fee in effect on date petition is received by a lodge shall govern, no matter when the degrees may be conferred."

In the Grand Secretary's report the following comment on historical registers will undoubtedly be of interest.

"Once more the attention of the lodges is called to the importance of preparing an historical sketch of their lodge. This sketch should deal very largely with the surroundings at the time the lodge was first organized. By this we mean a brief story of what actually brought about the proposition of establishing a new Masonic lodge in that particular locality, the place where the brethren first met to discuss the advisability of making application for letters of dispensation, the names and characteristics of the brethren who took part, the character of the room in which they held their meetings, and any other items of interest which bear on the subject.

"In addition to this, lodges should furnish photographs not only of their present quarters, but of every building in which their lodge has met whenever it is possible to obtain same. They should likewise get interior pictures whenever possible, also a picture of the street on which the build-

ings were located. In some cases an old picture along these lines would be much more interesting than one taken to-day."

Two excellent orations are printed in full. From the first, dealing with the responsibilities of a Master Mason, we quote:

"We are endowed, as trustees, with the light of Freemasonry that we may lighten the pathway of others. Therefore, instead of locking it up unused in the safety deposit box let it prevail in the home, in the business office, in the machine shop. Let it prevail back of the counter in the store, around the council table, and in the halls of justice. Let us make good use of the treasure placed in our hands."

The second, to be delivered at all District Meetings and subsequently in all lodges, dealt with Masonic Traditions. It is a full condensation of the materials covering the genesis of the Craft, draped in language by one who thoroughly understood his subject and the requirements of his hearers. Alive to the possibility of disagreements as to the origin of Craft Masonry he wisely concludes:

"Our brethren of another age were not so much concerned about the history of the Craft. Their purpose was, that from the labors of Operative Masons, as expressed in the architecture of the world, and by the symbolic use of the builders' implements, they would evolve a system of moral and religious truth which should attract all men by its appeal to reason and conscience, develop them in a common interest, a common purpose and a fraternal spirit."

Under the will of the late Bro. James M. McFarland, of Topeka, the Grand Lodge Library is richer by five thousand volumes, the collection of a life time.

Alberta's Proceedings for 1923-1924 are briefly reviewed by the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Membership, 78,041.

Grand Master—M.W. Charles A. Loucks, Lakin.

Grand Secretary—R.W. Albert K. Wilson, Topeka.

A. M. M.

KENTUCKY

One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Annual Communication held at Louisville, October 20th-22nd, 1925. In the Grand East M.W. Bro. H. M. Grundy, Grand Master.

The Grand Master's address is a pithy review of the year's work. He mentions several items of general interest, some of them of perennial flavor, which we quote:

"I granted permission to the Grand Patron of the Order of the Eastern Star to mail letters to the lodges having no Chapter of the Eastern Star in this jurisdiction."

Apparently there is close co-operation between Freemasonry and the Eastern Star in Kentucky.

"I endorse this order (Order of Demolay) and recommend it to the Craft. It is doing a fine work amongst our boys. It was founded only

a few years ago, but has had a rapid growth, now having over 100,000 members. Those eligible to membership are sons of Masons and their friends of good character, aged 16 to 21. A fine institution for the boys of this day and time."

Still another organization hanging on the skirts of Masonry, this time possibly as a nursery for craftsmen?

We'd like to put this comment in red capitals:

"A good secretary means more to your Lodge than any other officer."

Few of the brethren on the benches realize the value and importance of the Secretary. In many ways he is the lodge. Loaded with duties, all too often unnecessary his is frequently a thankless task. Every Craftsman should understand the work of the Secretary and when the lodge is fortunate in having a good one he should be treated with the consideration, respect and fraternal reward he deserves.

Two frequently recurring topics are mentioned:

INVESTIGATING COMMITTEES

"Too much stress cannot be laid on the important duties devolving on the Investigating Committees in the subordinate lodges. The recommenders and investigating committees on petitions often fail to perform their duties. A conscientious performance of these duties would furnish the lodges with intelligent information that would enable them to act in accordance with Masonic custom and the standards of Masonry would be preserved and result in great good to the Craft."

THE BALLOT

"The use of the black ball is a right secured to every Master Mason, which he should be permitted to exercise without supervisory interference and questioning by any brother.' It is a great safeguard to the Fraternity when rightfully used, but in the hands of one unworthy to bear the name of Mason, it often works an injury to a Lodge, denying membership to those who are worthy, and by so doing, the Craft must suffer. Some lodges have suffered to such an extent from this cause, as to almost cease to function. 'The ballot is not to be polluted by petty malice' and the person who abuses the power which Masonry gives him, and keeps out of lodges those who are worthy, there being no other objection, is violating his obligation, and is unfit to be a member of the Craft. Masters can not attach too much importance to this subject, in their talks before lodges."

In all of which we heartily concur.

"I have also answered hundreds of letters that would have been unnecessary, if the Masters and Secretaries had been more familiar with the Constitutions and Regulations."

Another reminder that the Book of Constitutions is a real masonic guide and should be firmly established in the knowledge of every active officer.

Kentucky is building new Masonic Homes and a Million Dollar Fund by subscription is well under way. A minority of the lodges have objected, not without excellent reason in our opinion, to the methods of assessment of the subordinate lodges, but the decision of Grand Lodge was upheld at this session and the work goes on. That it may be suc-

cessful and to the entire and harmonious satisfaction of all concerned is our earnest wish.

Very full statistical reports of the Grand Lodge membership and the Masonic Homes at Shelbyville round out a large volume.

There is a lengthy report on Foreign Correspondence, but Alberta is not included.

G. Allison Holland, Lexington, Grand Master; Fred W. Hardwick, Louisville, Grand Secretary.

A. M. M.

LOUISIANA

The One Hundred and Fourteenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, was held in New Orleans, February 2, 3 and 4, 1925.

M.W. Bro. Prentiss B. Carter, Grand Master, 1924-5.

M.W. Bro. Haney B. Conner, Grand Master, 1925-6.

R.W. Bro. John A. Davilla, Grand Secretary.

Lodges, 271; members, 34,497; net gain for the year, 1,255.

Alberta's Grand Representative not present.

In the Grand Master's address he said in part:

"We meet here as the chosen representatives of thirty-five thousand Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Louisiana.

"In all of our deliberations, in everything we do at this session, we should keep an eye single to the good of the Craft, the benefit of mankind and the glory of God. Time has worked many changes and the duty of a Mason today is far more serious and important than, perhaps, ever before.

"We are the substructure upon which rests the weight and responsibility for the perpetuity not only of the Masonic fraternity, but of the universal doctrine of freedom of speech, freedom of thought, and freedom of religious worship. In this great American Republic of ours there are many insidious foes working to undermine and to overthrow the grand structure which our forefathers builded and cemented with their blood.

"It is our duty both to God and man to see that the efforts of these enemies of universal freedom are not successful in their efforts."

In reference to the District Deputy Grand Masters he says:

"I appointed fifty-one District Deputy Grand Masters, all of whom have served their full time, and most of whom have kept me posted as to their work by very satisfactory reports. As a whole I am very much pleased with the services rendered by these officers, and I desire to express my thanks to them for their faithful and efficient services rendered during my term of office. I know and feel that their love of the Craft has prompted them to give their time and talent, without compensation for the good of the Order."

He reports the laying with Masonic ceremonies, of eighteen cornerstones, and the dedication of four buildings during the year.

The Grand Master makes mention also of the successful District Meetings held during the year and of his hearty approval of the same.

Seventy-seven Dispensations for various purposes were granted and eleven refused, during the year. He rendered fifty-six rulings during his term of office, all of which seem to be of technical and only of local interest.

He quotes at length a circular letter directed to all of the lodges, regarding a circular issued to the various lodges by a "Tuberculosis Hospital Association of Masons" which circular had been promulgated without first obtaining the approbation of the Grand Master, and quite properly condemns the practice, notwithstanding that he says the object may be a worthy one, and the motives of those behind the Association quite honorable.

He recommends, among other things, that all lodges in the Grand Jurisdiction be required to conduct their proceedings in the English language, but that inasmuch as certain lodges have long been held in a foreign tongue, two years time be allowed before the regulation should go into effect. The recommendation was referred to a committee of five Past Grand Masters, to consider and report at the next annual communication, it appearing that an agreement was made in the year 1854 that certain foreign speaking lodges in the city of New Orleans should be permitted to work in the Scottish Rite, they being required only to conform to the signs, words, obligations and modes of recognition established by the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge was addressed by M.W. Bro. J. S. MacEwing, Grand Master of Manitoba, and by R.W. Bro. James A. Ovas, Grand Secretary of that Grand Lodge, who were present as guests.

The financial statement shows the Grand Lodge to be in excellent condition.

The Grand Lodge is engaged in the construction of a magnificent Masonic Temple in the City of New Orleans at a cost of \$1,500,000.00, and acknowledged receipt from the local lodges of that city, contributions to the Temple Fund of \$401,700.00.

On Saint John the Baptist's day, 1924, the Grand Master laid the corner-stone of the new Orphans' Home building at Alexandria, with elaborate Masonic ceremony. Included in the proceedings is a panoramic picture of the laying of the corner-stone.

A splendid oration was delivered by Rev. Bro. Harper, the Grand Chaplain. It is well worth repeating in extenso, but requirements of space permit only the following extract:

"—And finally, my brethren, I would say that Masonry is a most personal thing. As there is no such thing as religion en masse, community religion, so there is no such thing as morality en masse, Masonry en masse. The honor of the fraternity rests upon each one of you. But more, the value of the fraternity to you depends upon your personal attitude as a Mason, your appreciation of this great body of truth, set forth so wondrously and strikingly by means of signs and symbols, and your personal appropriation of those truths. It depends upon whether you, yourself, always face the East. For as no shadows fall upon the countenance of the man who looks towards the morning light, so no dark designs that would mar the character and dishonor the Mason can lurk in the heart of the man who faces East and always seeks the light of the divine truth."

The Review of Foreign Correspondence is by R.W. Bro. Jno. A. Davilla, the Grand Secretary, and ably covers the work of sixty-three foreign jurisdictions. Alberta is given a page and a half, well written, covering our 1924 Communication at Medicine Hat.

G. F. A.

MAINE

The One Hundred and Sixth Annual Communication was opened on May 5, 1925, in the Masonic Temple, Portland.

The Grand Master reports the passing during the year of a Past Senior Grand Warden, two Past Junior Grand Wardens and a Grand Chaplain.

He claims a greater percentage of Masons to population for Maine than any other jurisdiction in the United States, and probably in the world, a percentage of five and six tenths.

To quote his words:

"To gain and hold for more than forty years the distinction of having the highest percentage of Masons to population of all the jurisdictions in the world, is a sort of satisfaction to this Grand Lodge. It has even greater interest in connection with the history and traditions of our people. Such a percentage of Masons, should have had, and undoubtedly has had, great influence in shaping the character of our citizenship. Men from Maine have always been noted for their ability, integrity, sobriety, strength of character, and general reliability. To hail from the State of Maine is a recommendation in itself."

This is rather strong. I have not the slightest doubt but what such language is fully justified. The writer, while not a son of Maine, might perhaps be called a sort of a step-son, for I was born and brought up in the Province of New Brunswick within a short distance of the dividing line. The memory of the kindness I received in my frequent trips across the "line" is still with me. I was just as enthusiastic in celebrating the "glorious fourth," as any son of that State.

The Grand Master urges that further steps be taken to educate the younger members of the Craft in Masonry and suggests that the Grand Master employ a capable brother to devote his full time to this work. Referring to this part of the Grand Master's address, the Committee on the Doings of Grand Officers, makes this observation: "It is to be hoped a systematic program of instruction may be inaugurated in the near future." While giving full credit to the work done by the Masonic Service Association, he is not very much enthused over the benefits that the members of subordinate lodges have derived. Perhaps I am wrong, but I got the impression that the Grand Master while he states that the work done by the M.S.A. is most excellent yet the great majority of Master Masons do not study the literature distributed and while five cents per capita is small, still in the aggregate for the two years he is somewhat doubtful if the Craft got over four thousand dollars' worth of benefit from it. That the special committee to whom this part of the address was referred and the Grand Lodge itself were of this opinion, is shown by the fact that the resolution of the committee to withdraw membership was almost unanimously adopted.

There is no doubt, but what the members of a lodge will listen to and enjoy an address, yet printed bulletins containing excellent educational matter are not read by the great majority. They are carefully preserved with the intention to be read at some future time; but that time rarely comes.

The Grand Master says that, "Nothing worthy of being classed as a decision has been passed upon by me. Many questions have been asked and answered by reference to the Constitution or reported decisions." He cites a few of these questions. The first quoted is quite novel.

He ruled that the lodge could not allow the use of its hall for a marriage service. "The marriage ceremony could hardly be construed as Masonic."

He ruled that a man sixty-three years old who had an artificial foot, but was able to give and receive all signs, etc., was eligible, but one who had an artificial right forearm and hand was not. The latter could not comply with the test.

At the last communication of Grand Lodge the Constitution was amended so that fourteen days must elapse between the conferring of degrees. As might be expected, the Grand Master received numerous requests to permit degrees to be conferred in less than the required time. He was given authority to issue such dispensations on being satisfied of the necessity therefore.

He says:

"I have construed 'necessity' in this case to mean what it says and have refused dispensations for the accommodation of lodges or candidates except in cases where it was obviously impossible to confer the degrees in regular order."

This seems to be a good common sense interpretation. The Committee on Jurisprudence put it very nicely in their report when they say, "We think the dispensations to permit shortening time between degrees have been pleasantly infrequent."

Under the head of "Charitable Work" the Grand Master calls the attention of Grand Lodge to what other Grand Jurisdictions are doing in this kind of work and draws this conclusion: "These instances show that Masonry in Maine is not doing as much charitable work as other jurisdictions." He is not altogether in favor of establishing a Masonic Home. He uses these words, "It does not follow that this assistance need be, or can best be afforded, by the establishment of Masonic Homes. In fact there is grave question if Masonic relief cannot be more graciously and efficiently extended by assisting in maintaining the needy in their own homes. Many worthy cases are partially self-supporting, and much prefer assistance at home rather than to be a charge upon the fraternity in any institution, however cordial their welcome thereto."

There is no doubt about that, but in some cases a home is almost imperative unless they are "farmed out"; and this does not always lead to happy results. He recommends that a committee be appointed to consider the matter and report at the next communication. This was approved by the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers. We must congratulate the Grand Master on his language in bringing this somewhat delicate question to the attention of Grand Lodge and we feel sure that this will not disturb the "comfort" of our good brother the able writer of Maine's correspondence. It required the outspoken words of Past

Grand Master Spear to thoroughly awaken our brethren in Maine as to what he considered their duty in this work, and it is pleasant to find out that his successor is continuing in his footsteps. There never were truer words than these: "It is more blessed to give than to receive." What greater work can our Order do than to "Comfort the fatherless and Widow."

The Grand Master hints that the time is approaching when the minimum fee which is now fixed by Grand Lodge at \$30.00 for initiation, should be increased as well as the annual dues, which in some cases are only \$1.00 per year. He says, "To charge too little for the degrees and annual dues, cheapens the Order in the eyes of the Craft and injures it to that extent."

No truer words were ever said. Human nature is such that we value little the things that cost us no effort to get. Why, we will venture to say that many of the members of the Craft in the jurisdiction spend more than one dollar a week on tobacco or cigars. We are expecting great things from Maine.

The Grand Master's address is a neat, concise and businesslike relation of his work during the year—just what we would expect from a member of the legal fraternity. Lawyers, as we know, are the most modest people, and Grand Master Moulton has given us an account of his doings in such a manner that we are sure that he could, but for that modesty, tell us of personal acts done by himself during the year that have advanced Masonry in his home state.

The Committee on the Condition of the Fraternity report that 95 lodges own their own halls, valued at over one million dollars with a debt about 20% of the value. This is excellent, showing a little over 41% of the lodges owning their own buildings. Other assets total \$330,504.00, besides a Charity fund of \$115,840.00. \$10,625.00 was expended in charity, a little less than twenty-five cents per member. For free suppers the sum of \$18,358.00 was expended, which is a little over forty-two cents per member. The Committee suggests that more of the lodges adopt the practice of making at least a nominal charge for suppers. This is a good idea. Perhaps there will not be so many and there will be an improvement in the health of the Masons of Maine, for we have personal knowledge that such suppers are apt to upset digestion.

The new method of the questionnaires for District Deputy Grand Masters is a decided improvement to the old method of reports. Former reports of D.D.G.M.'s consisted largely of descriptions of sumptuous banquets, to which was sometimes added that the work was "excellent" or similar adjectives. While there are some blanks in the tabulations, by a study of those given we get a very comprehensive knowledge of the condition of the Craft in the jurisdiction.

The Report on Correspondence is from the pen of M.W. Bro. Ashley A. Smith, and the writer feels most incompetent to give it its just due. Were I to use all the adjectives that I think it deserves this part of this report would read like a young girl's description of her first beau. Thanks, Bro. Smith, you have given us a more extended knowledge of the various Grand jurisdictions than we could have had even by reading the different proceedings. That may seem like exaggeration, but it is not. In the first place we probably would not read all the proceedings and might omit some important parts and in the second place, the summary of the various proceedings are so readable and concise that we absorb the knowledge unknowingly. In other words he makes what would undoubtedly be a task into a pleasant pastime.

Bro. Smith's foreword is headed, "Youth and Masonry. Give the Youngsters a Chance." It is an earnest plea for the youth of today. He is distinctly of the opinion that the prevalent idea that the youth of today is worse than the youth of previous generations is wrong, and we have no cause to disagree with him. Statistics tell us that the average age of criminals is steadily getting lower. But while the average is younger, the number is not greater in proportion than in former generations when we consider the increase in population. This refers to what might be termed serious crimes. We will admit that there are more minor offences. I do not care to call them crimes, but we must also take into consideration the fact that we have more laws to offend. Many are what might be termed prohibitive. When we think that we have some four or five different legislative bodies who are continually making new laws, is it any wonder that offences are more common? We have read that in the United States of America over thirty thousand new laws are enacted each year. Is it any wonder then that we hear of so many being broken?

Bro. Smith gives us sixty-five reviews of sixty-four jurisdictions, Panama for two years, 1923 and 1924. Alberta is given one and one-half pages and contains all important matters dealt with at the communication. The writer actually blushed, when in describing our review, Bro. Smith uses the words, "comprehensively done," "fine fraternal spirit" and "scholarly review."

Number of lodges, 206. Number of members, 42,981; net gain, 425.

M.W. Bro. David E. Moulton was re-elected to the Grand East.

H. C. T.

MANITOBA

The Fiftieth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba was opened in the Fort Garry Hotel, Winnipeg, on Wednesday, June 10, 1925. M.W. Bro. Jas. S. MacEwing, Grand Master.

M.W. Bros. Thos. Morris, P.G.M., of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, D. A. Kingsbury, Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, W. J. Reynolds, P.G.M., of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota, E. A. Braithwaite, P.G.M., of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, were formally introduced, received with the Grand honors, cordially welcomed by the M.W. the Grand Master, and conducted to seats in the Grand East. These distinguished visitors delivered interesting addresses either at the Golden Jubilee Dinner, held in the Fort Garry Hotel, or at the evening session of Grand Lodge.

Fifty years ago, on the 12th of May, 1875, the Past Masters, Masters and Wardens of Prince Rupert's Lodge, Lisgar Lodge and Ancient Landmark Lodge met in convention and formed themselves into the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. The total membership in the province at that time did not exceed 200 members. From this small beginning, the Grand Lodge of Manitoba has grown until at the present time they have 100 lodges and approximately 12,000 members. This Grand Lodge for many years held sovereign sway over the whole North West Territories, covering what are now the provinces of Saskatchewan and Alberta and the far Yukon, and justly claimed at that time to rule over a territory larger than that of any other Grand Lodge in the world.

The M.W. the Grand Master, in his annual address, has the following to say with regard to newspaper publicity:

"Within the past few years there are many signs which point to an increasing desire on the part of many lodges to secure a cheap publicity by having inserted in newspapers lists of officers elected or write-ups of social happenings. Individuals break into print with matter which had better be left unsaid. Freemasonry was never intended to be a popular institution in the common meaning of that word, but in response to the clamor of some brother. "What is Freemasonry doing?" we find publicity courted, not shunned, for fear our time-honored fraternity will not receive due credit or the public forget our existence.

"Constantly we hear the cry that this order and that order are doing something we never attempted, and that we must mend our ways and become up-to-date, or in otherwise—advertise. Can we not in some way bring our brethren to realize that the purpose of Freemasonry is to teach the individual to do these things, and that being accomplished, Masonry has attained its objective. Must we forsooth join in parades and publish our doings in order to let the world know where we stand? Brethren, the world does know where we stand, and that almost every movement for the betterment of each community, no matter under what name organized, is headed and fostered by Masons. That in short is all the public need to know and all they should know.

"Every brother upon his initiation is supposed to have read to him that clause in our Lodge by-laws which forbids the imparting to the profane of any information concerning what takes place in the Lodge, but it would appear as though to many this article has become a dead letter.

"Legislation will not cure all our ills and no great harm has been done so far, but this is a liberty which may develop into license, and I would strongly urge that no information or matter for newspaper publication touching Freemasonry or concerning our Lodge or Grand Lodge activities be given out by any member until the same has been approved by our Grand Master or Grand Secretary."

The brethren of this Grand Jurisdiction made an earnest effort to celebrate their Golden Jubilee by increasing the capital sum of their benevolence fund to \$200,000.00. While their objective was not fully realized, the sum of \$44,445.97 was subscribed for this most worthy purpose. The interest on the capital sum, which amounted to \$9,238.05, is at the disposal of the Committee on Benevolence for charitable purposes. Forty-one beneficiaries participated in the benevolent fund during the year. The average monthly expenditures was \$751.00, or a total of a little over \$9,000.00.

Successful District Meetings were held throughout this Grand Jurisdiction. Special mention is made of the enthusiastic meeting of the twenty-five lodges comprising District No. 1, which contains within its bounds almost fifty per cent of the membership of the jurisdiction.

Fort Garry Lodge, Winnipeg, had the unique distinction of holding a Past Grand Masters' night, when fourteen Past Grand Masters out of a possible twenty-six were able to be present, and the Master Mason degree was exemplified in a most creditable manner. The chair was occupied by M.W. Bro. Jas. A. Ovas, the veteran Grand Secretary of this Grand Jurisdiction, who has just completed his twenty-fifth year in that office.

The members of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry held two conferences with the District Deputy Grand Masters, the first in the month of October and the second on Good Friday. The committee claim that these conferences are indispensable to the successful carrying out of

the duties of the various D.D.G.M's. The constructive criticism offered by this committee should be productive of good results.

The Grand Lodge of Manitoba suspended fraternal relations with the Grand Orient of France until such time as the latter discontinues its policy of invading the territory of Masonic jurisdictions recognized by the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, in which the principle of exclusive jurisdiction is recognized. The Grand Orient of France claims entire liberty of action in the founding of Masonic lodges in territories where there are Grand American lodges with whom they are not in fraternal relation.

This Grand Lodge has now an extensive library, with a librarian regularly in charge.

A very interesting report on foreign correspondence is presented by R.W. Bro. J. C. Walker, Senior Grand Warden of this Grand Lodge.

Number of lodges, 100. Total membership, 11,400; a net increase of 322.

S. Y. T.

MARYLAND

The One Hundred and Thirty-ninth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held at Baltimore, on November 14, 1925. The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Warren S. Seipp, who has held office since 1920, had only just recovered from a severe illness, so his address was necessarily brief.

He notes the very general effort made by the lodges to construct or to own their own lodge rooms, and he trusts that the movement will continue until every lodge in the state owns its hall and uses it independently of any other body. He has been actively engaged during the year in trying to induce the lodges to clean up their dues sheet of the arrears that have been allowed to accumulate. In his address at the Semi-Annual Communication he mentions one lodge which has always kept its membership dues up to date, with no arrearages whatever. I may mention that the name of the Secretary of this lodge is Wonder, and when one realizes that they have a membership of 820 all paid up to date, it must be conceded that the Secretary is a wonder.

The Grand Master found it necessary to recommend the withdrawal of the Grand Lodge of Maryland from the Masonic Service Association, the reason being that the Masonic Service Association proposed a regulation, which if adopted would clash with the freedom of Grand Lodges to regulate their own affairs. The Grand Master felt that the Grand Lodge of Maryland was not in a position to be dictated to. Grand Lodge upheld him of course. No Grand Lodge would ever surrender its right to absolute independence within its own borders.

The Library Committee report the donation of a number of volumes by a grand-daughter of a Mason, which will be valued in their new Masonic Home. They note the library is becoming more and more popular. Their Grand Lecturer finds much work to do. He comments on weak lodges saying: "It is better to have one strong, healthy working lodge than three or four weak and struggling lodges." But then numbers do not always spell success either. It is the spirit that counts and from what he says further on, that spirit is not lacking in Maryland.

This Grand Lodge has a Masonic Home problem for which they have collected about \$82,000.00, which is an average of about \$1.66 per capita. Part of the problem appears to be location. The Grand Master says that nearly the whole State of Maryland has been offered to them for sale and each particular location presenting very forceful arguments as to why it should be selected. He points out that while the building is no small matter, the maintenance is far more important and for this reason they have been giving an enormous amount of time to the project, and they are wise.

The Grand Master also remarks on, "the number of corner-stones being laid by our lodges, the number of splendid lectures delivered by able teachers, the increased interest in Masonic literature, the splendid attendance at our lodges of instruction, and a general and hearty co-operation in all things Masonic."

Bro. Henry Branch presents the Report on Correspondence, a full and very complete review, with many shrewd comments. Alberta receives fraternal notice for our late M.W. Bro. Murray's year of office. He notes with approval the work of our D.D.G.M's. He extends a hearty greeting to the newly appointed representative R.W. Bro. Pearson, who he hopes will visit them before his final departure from things sublunary. Well, Bro. Branch, you are giving him plenty of time to do so. Where did you see his photograph? Appearances are deceptive sometimes.

Bro. Branch records as the most outstanding event in our proceedings, that "A great many lodges have started libraries as suggested by the Grand Secretary." I may say the good work is still continuing.

Number of lodges, 121; number of members, 32,055

Warren S. Scipp, Grand Master.

Geo. Cook, Grand Secretary.

J.H.W.S.K.

MASSACHUSETTS

1924

Quarterly Communications of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the year 1924 were held on March 12, June 11, September 10 and December 10th.

A Stated Communication and celebration of the Feast of St. John the Evangelist, being the one hundred and ninety-first anniversary of that Feast by this Grand Lodge was held on December 29, 1924.

At this Communication M.W. Bro. Dudley H. Ferrell was installed in the presence of a large and distinguished assembly of the Craft, as Grand Master.

Following the Feast addresses were delivered by Grand Master Dudley H. Ferrell; M.W. Bro. Walter L. Stockwell, P.G.M., Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota, Bro. Samuel S. Young, of International Lodge of Peking, Right Rev. Dr. Philip Cook, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Delaware.

M.W. Bro. Stockwell's address had special reference to the occasion, and the influence of St. John the Evangelist as a patron saint of Masonry was traced through the traditions of the past into the active and spiritual Masonic influence of the present day. As is usual with M.W. Bro. Stockwell, his address was not only couched in the choicest language but was

imbued with a wonderful quality of spirituality which must have left a very deep impression upon his hearers. It is a wonderful message when read in print and those who have heard M.W. Bro. Stockwell can understand how he reached the heart and soul of each brother present under the spell of his oratory.

The address of Rt. Rev. Bishop Cook was a thoughtful message dealing with several present-day problems, emphasizing particularly many of the apparent inequalities and inconsistencies of our present-day economic and social systems. We quote his concluding paragraph:

"After all the decisions of life are very, very simple. This world and this life is as meaningless as a humming top; it is just a wild joyride for pleasure and for wealth, with the devil at the wheel and hell just around the corner; or else life is as you and I believe it to be, an orderly procession out of darkness and sin and ignorance and misery and disease and prejudice and slavery, up into enlightenment and freedom and joy and love and peace. And if we believe the latter it is up to us to live as though we believed it. That is Masonry."

At the Quarterly Communication held on March 12, the outstanding feature was the reception of the distinguished visitor, R. W. Sir Alfred Robbins, P.G.W. and President of the Board of General Purposes of the United Grand Lodge of England, who addressed Grand Lodge. R.W. Bro. Robbins' address was of great interest and filled with most cordial expressions of the warm fraternal feeling experienced by the United Grand Lodge of England toward "her eldest daughter in the western hemisphere." He read, in the course of his remarks, a letter from H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, Grand Master, conveying his personal and official greeting to this Grand Lodge. After the address, the Grand Master presented a Henry Price Medal to R.W. Bro. Robbins as the highest honor which it is in the power of this Grand Lodge to bestow as an honorary distinction. R.W. Bro. Robbins accepted the medal with expressions of warm appreciation.

The Grand Master in his address referred to the practice which was apparently increasing in the matter of raising funds for Masonic purposes by lotteries, raffles and similar means and strongly deprecated these practices and intimated that they must cease as a method of Masonic financing. He also expressed the view that all lectures and addresses delivered in Masonic lodges should be confined to strictly Masonic themes and subject to the usual limits as to the subject matter which may properly be introduced in the discussions of a Masonic lodge.

At the Quarterly Communication held on June 11th, Grand Master Ferrell in his address dealt with the work of the Board of Masonic Relief. He highly commended this work but urged that all the lodges interested in this work should keep in closer touch with it if the finest results of this splendid benevolence were to be obtained.

The Grand Master also stressed the importance of the W.M. of the lodge becoming thoroughly versed and informed on all the provisions of the Constitution, By-laws and Masonic Regulations affecting the practice of the lodges, its rights and privileges, and the duty and prerogatives of the Master therein. Only when so equipped is the W.M. able to properly discharge the manifold important duties involving upon him.

At the Quarterly Communication held on September 10th, the Grand Master in his address referred to the recurrence of the practice of sending out Masonic chain letters and strongly disapproved this practice.

He also dealt with the semi-Masonic organizations of which so many are arising and to some extent distracting from the ordinary Masonic affiliations, the members of Craft lodges. We quote as follows:

"Nothing, brethren, can usurp either the prerogatives or the conferments of the Masonic institution, and since the latter is essential to membership in the other organizations referred to, it becomes and should forever remain the object of primary interest. As time goes on I trust that the criticisms of Master Masons, namely, that they care nothing for the lodge and have no time for its labors because of their absorption in semi-Masonic organizations, will lose its validity. We must continually remind ourselves that faithfulness to the duty imposed upon us by our membership in a lodge is the first matter of our concern, and a careful regard for what we owe Masonry is paramount when compared with the invitations which other interests present to us. In short, if it is within your power, do not allow the brethren to neglect the lodge in order to further other organizations, membership in which is dependent upon their Masonic affiliation."

A very interesting feature of the 1924 Proceedings is found in the report of the Centennial Anniversary of the foundation of Mount Hope Lodge, located at Fall River, Massachusetts. This centennial was celebrated by a Special Communication of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts held at Fall River on September 8, 1924. The report of the Proceedings embraces about one hundred pages of printed matter, and following them as an appendix is a reproduction of the address delivered by the Rev. Bro. Paul Dean at the consecration of Mount Hope Lodge on December 8, 1824. A perusal of this address reveals that the ideals, hopes and aspirations of Freemasons of a century ago are animated by the same spirit of friendship and brotherly love and couched in the same inspiring language which makes such an appeal to Masons at all times and in all places.

At the Quarterly Communication held on December 10th, which is the Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, the Grand Master in his address reviewed the work of the year drawing to a close, most of which was purely of local interest. His reports however in regard to the Overseas Districts in Chile, China and the Canal Zone were quite interesting. In particular, he reports somewhat fully the proceedings leading up to the institution of Chin Ling Lodge of Nanking, China.

At this communication M.W. Bro. Dudley H. Ferrell was re-elected as Grand Master for the third term.

Total membership, 120,119; net gain, 5,571.

F. S. S.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The Quarterly Communications of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the year 1925, were held on March 11th, June 10th, September 9th, and December 9th.

A Stated Communication and celebration of the Feast of St. John the Evangelist, being the one hundred and ninety-second anniversary of this Feast by this Grand Lodge was held on December 28, 1925. At this communication, M.W. Bro. Frank Leslie Simpson was installed as Grand Master in the presence of a large and distinguished assembly of the Craft.

Following the Feast, addresses were delivered by Grand Master Frank L. Simpson, His Excellency, Brother Alvan T. Fuller, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, M.W. Bro. John A. Rowland, Grand Master of Masons in the Province of Ontario, M.W. Bro. Wm. H. Wardrope, P.G.M., of Ontario, M.W. Bro. W. W. Williamson, P.G.M., and Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, M.W. Bro. Canon Allan P. Shatford, P.G.M., of Quebec, and Bro. Malcolm E. Nichols, Mayor-Elect of the City of Boston. These addresses could not fail to leave a most inspiring effect upon the minds and hearts of all the brethren present. They constituted an intellectual treat of a very high order. At the same time they all stressed the comparative simplicity of the principles of Freemasonry and agreed that the main problem of working Masonry today is to spread abroad the spirit of brotherhood through the individual life and contacts of each brother Mason.

At the Quarterly Communication held on March 11th, the main business was the consideration by Grand Lodge of an offer for the purchase of the Masonic Temple at the corner of Tremont and Boylston Streets in the City of Boston, for which an offer of \$1,500,000.00 had been received. After full consideration Grand Lodge decided not to accept the offer.

At the Quarterly Communication held on June 10th, the outstanding feature was the address of M.W. Bro. Dudley H. Ferrell, Grand Master, in which he gave a comprehensive and entertaining review of the visit of himself and his suite to the lodges in the Canal Zone and Chile.

The Grand Master ruled that, "In case the Master-elect of a lodge is unable to present himself with the other officers for installation, his predecessor in office holds over until such time as the installation of the Master-elect takes place."

At the Quarterly Communication on September 9th, Grand Master Ferrell delivered an address of an inspirational character, based on his observations of the labors of the Craft in his jurisdiction. He found a normal and perfectly satisfactory number of applications for membership in the Fraternity and believed that the figures were liable to increase rather than diminish. He discovered a very evident awakening of the brethren themselves to a broader vision of Masonry, to a deeper plumbing of its depths of meaning and a broader measure of the obligations it imposes as well as the privileges it confers. On this phase we quote:

"We speak of Masonry today not as a mystical system of philosophy, working by curious ceremonies and secret means to create for its own members a certain benefit. It is not an exclusive organization with a liability selfishly measured. 'Tis true its first duty is to those who have pledged their loyalty and dedicated themselves to its principles. But that duty, even, is not performed until its social obligation is met; until the Mason, with vision illuminated by the instructions in his Lodge, mind equipped with the wisdom of Masonic word and life, and with soul filled with the larger knowledge of eternal truth, is able and anxious to take his place among his fellow men a willing servant of the public good, a fearless champion of social justice. Masonry, like any similar system of moral philosophy embodied in an organization of individuals, such as constitute the Grand Lodge and subordinate lodges of Massachusetts, is either one of the assets or one of the liabilities of the life that men must live together here upon earth."

With reference to active work, the Grand Master referred to the excellent Employment Department of the Masonic Service Bureau, and the wonderful work being accomplished in finding suitable positions for

qualified brethren. The Grand Master advocated an extension of this service throughout the jurisdiction.

The Grand Master ordered, "that lodges instruct the candidates in the lectures of the three degrees and that candidates be refused advancement until such proficiency as satisfies the Master of the lodge is attained."

In speaking of the Masonic Service Association of the United States, Grand Master Ferrell spoke with highest commendation of the "Little Masonic Library" and of the "Master Mason," and recommended both these publications to all members of the Craft.

At this communication, R.W. Bro. Hamilton, Grand Secretary, presented at the request of the Grand Master, his report to the Grand Master on his mission to Ireland in attendance at the Bi-centenary of the Grand Lodge of Ireland. This report is most informative. It is very interesting to be able to learn at first hand from a competent and impartial observer, concerning conditions existing in Ireland both with respect to its Masonic Institutions and other phases of Irish life.

At the Quarterly Communication of December 9th, Grand Master Ferrell delivered his final official address of the year, giving a review of his official labors for the year about to close. He cites as the outstanding events of the year, the institution of two new lodges, viz.: Pagoda Lodge of Mukden, Manchuria, and Delta of China Lodge, Canton, China.

This Grand Lodge has three Masonic Districts beyond the limits of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. They are as follows:

Canal Zone District, comprising seven lodges.

China District, comprising nine lodges.

Chile District, comprising three lodges.

All three districts appear to be prosperous and active, and the brethren of Massachusetts feel a pride in the work that is being done under theegis of their Grand Lodge in these widely separate fields of Masonic endeavor.

At this Quarterly Communication, the election of Grand Lodge officers took place and M.W. Bro. Frank L. Simpson was elected Grand Master.

Total membership, 122,324; net gain, 5,081.

Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Frank L. Simpson.

Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. Frederick W. Hamilton.

F. S. S.

MICHIGAN

The Eighty-first Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Michigan was held in the Masonic Temple, in the City of Grand Rapids, on Tuesday, May 25, 1925, M.W. Bro. Ben. J. Henderson, presiding.

Alberta was represented by R.W. Bro. Wm. H. Gallagher. Grand Lodge was welcomed by Bro. Fred Locke, City Manager of the City of Grand Rapids, in a cordial and thoughtful address of welcome, to which the Grand Master made a fitting response. Seventeen Past Grand Masters were present and the Grand Representatives of fifty-three Sister Grand Jurisdictions. Four hundred and sixty-four lodges were represented.

An interesting feature was the introduction of Bro. J. O. McKerrow, of Abitibi Lodge, No. 540, of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario, who was received by the Grand Master in a very cordial address in which he made reference to the pleasing experiences the Grand Master had enjoyed on a visit by him some time previously to Northern Ontario as the guest of Abitibi Lodge. He also made reference to the beneficial effect of the interchange of such visits between the Masons of Canada and United States, and spoke in highly appreciative terms of the Masonic spirit of the brethren of Northern Ontario. Bro. McKerrow made a happy response and on behalf of Grand Lodge, Past Grand Master Lusk further extended the greetings of the Grand Lodge of Michigan and emphasized the spirit of amity and concord prevailing between the Masons of Michigan and the Grand Lodge of Canada.

The Grand Master's address had no outstanding features. He reviewed his work as Grand Master during the year in a spirit of appreciation for the many opportunities he had received to not only be of service to the Craft throughout his jurisdiction but also to further the various activities of Masonry in his jurisdiction and others outside for the welfare of the Craft in general.

The Grand Master recommended that a change in Grand Lodge regulations be made to the effect that no lodge in Michigan should hereafter be named after a living person. This recommendation was approved and adopted by Grand Lodge. He also made recommendation that the Constitution be amended to provide for the appointment of District Deputy Grand Masters and referred to the desirability of better facilities and better methods for preserving the records of many of the lodges.

M.W. Bo. Lou B. Winsor, Grand Secretary, presented his twenty-second Annual Report. M.W. Bro. Winsor during the year under review suffered from a very serious illness and it was the cause of much gratification to the members of Grand Lodge that he had sufficiently recovered from his illness to enable him to actively resume his duties as Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Michigan. Throughout the whole proceedings, there is evidence of the very high esteem and affection maintained by the Craft throughout Michigan for M.W. Bro. Winsor. We quote his opening paragraph:

"I herewith submit my twenty-second annual report as Grand Secretary and register my forty-third consecutive attendance upon the annual communications of this Grand Lodge. At one time during the year it looked as though possibly my labors as your Grand Secretary were about to be ended, but after two months in the hospital and the experience of a major operation, our Supreme Grand Master in His infinite wisdom saw fit to restore me to health, though two of my co-temporary Grand Secretaries, Newton R. Parvin, of Iowa, and John M. Collins, of West Virginia, were summoned to the Grand Lodge on High during the time I was in the hospital. I shall never forget the kindness of my brethren during my illness. Beautiful flowers adorned my sick room, coming from lodges all over the state, hundreds of letters were received from my beloved brothers, filled with expressions of sympathy and the assurance of the prayers being uttered in my behalf, and I am of the firm belief that I owe more to these prayers for my recovery than to the skill of the doctors and nurses, though I had the best in that line to be obtained. Oh, my beloved brethren, I do not know how I can ever repay you for the loving interest you took in my welfare."

The report of the Grand Lecturer shows that thirty-two lodges of instruction were held during the year and finds that the conditions of the

constituent lodges are still very satisfactory as far as the Ritual and Monitorial work is concerned. The Grand Lecturer reports that greater effort is being made in all the lodges to obtain information and education in the history of our Institution. We quote further:

"Every effort should be made to impress upon each member the importance of cultivating a knowledge of our ancient and honorable Institution.

"In the present time no member is excusable for not being posted on the fundamental rules and axioms of our moral science.

"Individual rectitude of action in the members of our organization not only elevates the individual to distinguished positions, but gives character, moral strength and dignity, and to avoid every excess that might subject him to censure or criticism."

During the year \$55,481.75 was expended for their Masonic Home, which is an average expense per inmate of \$549.00. The average age of those now in the Home is stated to be seventy-eight years.

The report of the Commission on Masonic Education evidenced a great deal of work on the part of the Commission in an endeavor to establish a scheme of Masonic education that would reach all the Masons throughout the State and function on a definite plan. Essentials to the success of his work were outlined as follows:

"1. To be properly carried on, the work of a Commission like this, the education of the Michigan Craft, of over 150,000 members, in Masonic history, its ideals, its symbolisms, its literature and the many other things in which Masons may profitably be educated, is distinctly a business. To be successfully carried on, it must be conducted as any other successful business is carried on. It demands work, enthusiasm, plan, method, constant endeavor and the exercise of judgment and tact.

"2 No Commission nor any other body of a few men can educate the Craft or successfully carry out, alone and unaided, any policy of education of such a Craft as our Michigan Masons constitute. We must have co-operation. Whatever scheme of education is adopted must be carried out in the lodges or in other similar groups of Masons."

The importance as well as the magnitude of the undertaking to provide Masonic education throughout a large jurisdiction is illustrated by the following extract from the Commission's report:

"The task of carrying the full import of Masonry's message home to the individual Mason is one of infinite detail. It involves organization in the many small sections into which the state must be divided for the purpose. It requires the seeking out and interesting of the outstanding figure, the particular type of mind required for a leader in the work in each lodge. It necessitates a constant stimulation and maintenance of zeal and enthusiasm in the work.

"The magnitude of the correspondence which must be carried on, requires the services of a competent stenographer whose salary must be paid.

"Travelling libraries must be purchased and distributed, lecture films procured and outlines and programmes for special Masonic educational events must be printed and placed in the hands of proper lodge committees.

"The mere task of organizing and operating a Speakers' Bureau, so fully developed as to enable it to furnish speakers for every lodge that

may require them, is sufficient to keep one man busily employed, and the many other details of the successful operations of a Grand Lodge Commission of this character are so numerous and varied as to require a degree of time and effort which none of the already busy members of any Commission worthy of their appointment can afford to give."

The Report of the Committee on Obituaries, or as we term it, Report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead, was prepared by R.W. Bro. Wm. H. Gallagher, Grand Chaplain, and struck a note somewhat different from what is frequently met in such reports. R.W. Bro. Gallagher selected as his central theme the desirability frequently expressed of the gift of pre-vision and treats this theme in such a manner as to show the wisdom of Divine Providence in denying to mankind this gift of pre-vision. Several of the paragraphs in this report are literary gems, an illustration is:

"Every flower of knowledge yields the honey of wisdom for those who know how to extract it. In other words, man learns from all sources. Every experience of life, every lapse from virtue, every successful combat against vice, every mistake in judgment, in word or in deed, is a flower of knowledge which will yield the honey of wisdom, if we can only get it out. In every department of life it is the same. Art, science, mechanics, philosophy, literature and the stage—all these are flowers which will yield honey to those who, like the knowing bee, can get at it."

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is presented by R.W. Bro. Wm. H. Gallagher, and embraces 570 pages of printed matter. R.W. Bro. Gallagher evidently enjoys his work. Without doubt he makes his reports of wonderful interest and instruction to the brethren of his jurisdiction. A striking feature is found in his review of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of England which are dealt with at considerable length and in addition there is reproduced in toto the report of R.W. Bro. Sir Alfred Robbins, P.G.W., President of the Board of General Puroses on his "Mission to the United States of America."

Total membership, 143,317; net gain, 4,719.

F. S. S.

MINNESOTA

Seventy-second Annual Communication held at St. Paul, January 21st and 22nd, 1925. In the Grand East, M.W. Bro. James D. Markham, Grand Master.

The address of the Grand Master while reciting items principally of interest to his own brethren is an eloquent catalogue of what one man can do in the service of his fellows. Truly M.W. Bro. Markham can lay down his gavel with a feeling of having thoroughly earned his release from responsibility.

In the address a number of rulings are given nearly all having reference to or interpretations of the Code or Constitution. Some of M.W. Bro. Markham's rulings on maimed applicants strike us as somewhat severe but we cannot quarrel with them in the face of the letter of the Code despite our own feeling of lenient interpretation particularly when the petition of a maimed war veteran is in the balance.

A feature of the session was an address by the Grand Orator, Wor. Bro. Charles H. Mayo, the famous surgeon. The address appears in full and is an exceptionally able commentary on the triumphs of science and

particularly medical science in the last half century. Dr. Mayo builds into his address two very significant statements:

"It only takes a few men in any community to control the community, if they only will. We have leaders in Masonry and they are the busy men, they are the ones to call upon, to help straighten out the community affairs."

"Education then is the big thing for us and it is the one big job for us as Masons."

Substantial progress is reported in the Masonic Homes and it may be noted that the Order of the Eastern Star is co-operating in the furnishing of the Home.

Very complete reports of the usual committees, statistical information and an appendix containing reviews of the reports of other jurisdictions in which Alberta receives brief but friendly mention, complete a pretentious volume.

Membership, January 1st, 1925, 58,092.

Hayden French, Ortonville, Grand Master.

John Fishel, St. Paul, Grand Secretary.

A. M. M.

MISSOURI

The frontispiece of the 1925 Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Missouri is a portrait of its M.W. Grand Master, Orestes Mitchell, and following it is a biographical sketch of his life.

The One Hundred and Fifth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Missouri, met in St. Joseph, Missouri, on Tuesday, October 27, 1925.

The Grand Master in his annual address, like that of many others we have read, feels that there is a force which is trying to break down Constitutional Government. He says:

"Perhaps never in the history of our beloved land was there greater need than now, for an alert clear thinking and conservative citizenry to combat the various forces at work to undermine and destroy the cherished ideals of home life, religious life and our constitutional form of government. The land is infested with radicals and intemperants whose program is to create disrespect for law and order, distrust of organized society and government, and who hold in derision the finer instincts of civilized society, and who would also take away the happiness and hope of the people of the earth by destroying the Holy Bible upon which civil society is founded, and to which it looks for inspiration. The program of these various forces is wholly destructive, offering nothing in return, but unrest, distrust, class hatred, intolerance, egoism, grief and darkness. Well did Shakespeare say:

'Civil dissension is a viperous worm,
That gnaws the bowels of the commonwealth.'

"Our professions are of no avail without action, and indifference is one of the most dangerous afflictions of the American people today.

"Masonry has a wonderful work to do in combating this evil. Think what a tremendous influence for good the three million and over Masons

in the United States can do. The forces that seek to destroy can do little if all these Masons, united for all that is tolerant, just and good, stand for the principles inculcated in our noble Order. We need have no fear. The Masons are awakening to the danger and we know that not one will be found lagging behind, and combined with Church and State will drive these radicals and intolerants back into the dark corner where they belong."

In his visits to subordinate lodges, the Grand Master paid special attention to the outlying lodges, visiting lodges where no Grand Master has ever visited before and others where such visits have been infrequent. He says:

"The attendance at all these meetings was exceedingly large and gratifying. I was impressed with the loyalty and enthusiasm of these brethren and their eagerness for information as to Masonic activities."

Too many Grand Masters are unwilling to take the trouble to visit the rural lodges. They fear the little inconveniences of travel and are content to visit the larger centres, but as Grand Master Mitchell found, "They will find it profitable to themselves as well as exceedingly pleasant." With many brethren in these lodges the visit of the Grand Master or Grand Lodge officers is the only opportunity they have to come in contact with the Grand Lodge.

During the year the Grand Lodge lost by death three of its Past Grand Masters. Their portraits with suitable memorial notices appear in the Proceedings. The Grand Master also mentions the death of a District Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Tyler. He also refers to the passing of Bro. Dr. Joseph S. Holstead, the oldest Mason in Missouri, if not in the world. Bro. Holstead was a Mason for 83 years and was over 107 years old at the time of his death.

Missouri has a Masonic Service Association. The committee in charge of this work is gathering valuable information in relation to the history of the Craft in the jurisdiction. They also have charge of the travelling Masonic libraries and have a bureau of three hundred volunteer speakers. Also a number of programs have been broadcast over some of the Radio stations. In regard to the Masonic Service Association of the United States, this Grand Jurisdiction withdrew last year. The Grand Master with a committee however attended its annual meeting and now urges that the Grand Lodge again become a member of this Association. The Committee to whom this was referred recommended that the incoming Grand Master, the Grand Secretary and a committee of three be selected to attend the next annual meeting of the association and report at the next Communication of Grand Lodge. This was adopted.

In speaking of the Masonic Home which Missouri maintains, the Grand Master says:

"Even though the Masonic Fraternity was doing no other good in Missouri and was devoid of all worthy purposes, the maintenance of our Masonic Home alone justified its existence. Here with a trivial yearly contribution from each Mason in the state, we are strewing flowers along the pathway of scores of aged and unfortunate brothers and sisters, bringing peace and happiness to them in their declining days, and are holding open the door of opportunity to hundreds of orphans of Master Masons by furnishing them a pleasant home, and by raising and educating them in a way to properly fit them for the hard battle of life. One has to visit

with the Home family but a short time to become convinced of the tremendous good we are doing."

There were in the Home on September 1, 1925, 108 men, 101 women, 54 boys and 74 girls. The Home has a cash endowment fund of \$528,674.72. Last year the sum of \$96,518.75 was added to this fund. The Masons of Missouri have every reason to be proud of their Masonic Home.

Three new lodges were granted dispensations during the year.

The Grand Master commissioned M.W. Bro. J. S. McIntyre as a representative of the Grand Lodge of Missouri to visit the United Grand Lodge of England. The report of Bro. McIntyre of his visit shows that he was well received and entertained by that Grand Body and there is no doubt but what these fraternal visits are doing much to strengthen the ties between the Mother Grand Lodge and her daughters who have set up housekeeping on their own account.

The Grand Master gives a list of twenty-four decisions that he made during his term of office. He decided that a Junior Warden was guilty of unmasonic conduct when he refused to lay charges against a brother.

That a blind man was ineligible to receive the degrees.

That a brother who had been suspended for non-payment of dues was still within the jurisdiction of the lodge and could be tried for unmasonic conduct.

That a man who has lost one of his legs above the knee was eligible if he had an artificial leg so that he can perform the ceremonies.

That a jewelry house cannot advertise "Masonic Jewelry" for sale. The law is very strict on the use of the word "Masonic" in advertising or using commercially. The law was modified however to permit legitimate advertising of Masonic ornaments and jewelry.

He rules that Missouri acknowledges one class of members of lodges only. There cannot be associate or contributing members.

The Grand Master's address may be summed up as fit and proper. There is enough of the orator and poet to keep the address from being what must naturally be a somewhat tedious recital of acts done during the year.

There is a report of the Committee on "Fatherless Children in France." This Grand Jurisdiction "adopted" a certain number of children in France left fatherless by the war. For the past seven years considerable sums of money have been sent to France to aid in the support of these children. Last year the sum of \$500.00 was appropriated for this purpose, but all was not needed. This year the sum was reduced to \$300.00. Quite a number of the children have now become old enough to support themselves. This was a most praiseworthy undertaking and to judge by the sample of letters which the Committee gives in their report is bringing a harvest one hundred fold.

The home lodge, Composite No. 369, presented M.W. Bro. Martin, the Grand Master elect, with a trowel. W. Bro. Ferguson who made the address of presentation, stated that all the elective officers of the lodge had come a distance of 500 miles to do honor to their distinguished brother. No greater eulogy to any man can be given than that pronounced by Bro. Ferguson.

In part he says:

"We have known M.W. Bro. Martin through the years as a man, a friend and a neighbor. He has been our associate, co-worker and leader in community life and civic activities. He possesses a courtesy, frankness and chivalry that has drawn friends to him as a magnet. He is wise in counsel, decisive in action, progressive in thought and sincere in purpose. He is a man of clean ideals and is sincerely religious. He was never known to barter truth, abandon the line of Christian duty or basely surrender a moral conviction. His sympathies are ever on the alert and no sigh of sorrow passes him unheeded and no hand of want was ever uplifted to him in vain. A man of broad education and culture, successful in business, experienced in the work, law and usages of Freemasonry, he is eminently qualified for the high position to which he has attained."

There is no wonder that M.W. Bro. Martin was visibly affected by this presentation as the Proceedings state. The idea of the presentation and the fact that so many of the brethren of his lodge came so far to do him honor, shows that the Grand Master has deeply endeared himself in the affections of his home lodge.

A set of three gavels, which was recently brought from Palestine was presented to Grand Lodge by the Worshipful Master of St. Louis Lodge, No. 20. A Grand Master's Jewel was presented to the retiring Grand Master.

The Report on Fraternal Correspondence is written by Bro. The Rev. Arthur Mather, D.D., R.W. Grand Chaplain. He reviews forty-three jurisdictions. It is most ably written and shows a most painstaking effort on his part to give a faithful review. His quotations from the addresses of the Grand Masters and others, show careful reading and selection and in our opinion greatly enhances his work. Alberta is missing.

William W. Martin was elected Grand Master.

Frank R. Jesse, P.G.M., was re-elected Grand Secretary.

Number of lodges, 622; number of members, 111,969; net gain, 1,962.

H. C. T.

MONTANA

The Sixty-first Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Montana took place at Missoula on August 19 and 20, 1925.

Harlon L. Hart, M.W. Grand Master, 1924-5.

Edward W. Spottswood, M.W. Grand Master, 1925-6.

Luther T. Hauberg, Grand Secretary.

Lodges, 133; members, 19,975; net increase for the year, 88.

There were present at this Communication twenty-one out of twenty-four living Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge, a fact which was very pleasing to the members of the Craft and which occasioned much comment and was probably unexampled.

M.W. Bro. Theodore B. Elton, Grand Master of North Dakota, and M.W. Bro. David S. Prescott, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Washington, were present as guests and were received with proper Masonic ceremonies and each delivered a short address.

The address of the Grand Master is a very interesting document. Among other things he says:

"In my presence now there are the Worshipful Masters and their successors of this Grand Jurisdiction. It is your duty, to a great degree, to see to the conduct of the Lodges of Montana.

"It is your sworn and solemn duty to require the strictest enquiry into the character of applicants for membership. Never allow a candidate admission to obtain a good character. See absolutely that he has that requisite before you accept him. This is not a reformatory, although we do have the ability to make a man better. Let us make it a practice to take good material only, and then improve it."

Some years ago the Grand Lodge of Montana enacted a law forbidding any Master Mason from petitioning within one year after being raised for membership in any organization which requires membership in a "blue" lodge as a prerequisite for membership, the law being intended to prevent the newly raised Mason from proceeding to the so-called "higher" degrees until he should have had time to learn something about the first three degrees, and to prevent the "blue" lodges from becoming merely degree mills for those anxious to become Templars, Scottish Rite Masons, or Shriners.

In this connection the Grand Master says:

"It has been surprising and at the same time very satisfying to me during the year, to hear the remarks of Brethren in all parts of the State, expressing their delight that this Grand Lodge took the action it did requiring all Brothers to wait one year after being raised to the degree of Master Mason before applying for further degrees. Personally I would regret to see this Grand Lodge ever rescind this action and believe that if the proposition to repeal the law was ever submitted to a vote of the Masons of Montana it would be defeated by an overwhelming majority."

The chain prayer nuisance has apparently invaded Montana also, and the Grand Master says in regard to it:

"The chain letter prayer is with us again or yet, and many brethren have expended perfectly good time, paper, and postage in spreading the pest. This prayer bespeaks good luck within ten days to those who obey and hint dire results to those who scoff.

"This epidemic has appeared in various, if not all, jurisdictions from time to time and has always been condemned but apparently not downed. I beg of you representatives to tell the boys back home to absolutely disregard these letters. It is a slur on Masonry to think we are simple enough to believe good luck will be the lot of those who 'fall' for such bunk. Masons are not superstitious. There is but one class that swallow such 'stuff.'

"It goes hand in hand with Saints' toenails, etc. I am of the firm conviction that the 'prayer' has its origin outside the Fraternity. If every Mason who receives such letters will put them in the waste basket where they belong, these relics of ignorance and superstition will soon cease to annoy."

In regard to new lodges the Grand Master says:

"The one disappointment of the year is the fact that I have not been called upon for dispensation to form a single new lodge. I would enjoy in the years to come, the pleasure of referring to certain lodges as having

been born during my administration. Neither have I the pleasure of reporting the constitution of any new lodges. I will have to be content with the glorious fact that we have lost none. Our family is exactly the same size as one year ago."

The Grand Master installed the officers of five lodges during his term of office, and personally visited 64 of the 133 lodges, and granted six dispensations for various purposes.

He visited personally the Grand Lodge Communications of the Grand Lodges of Wyoming and North Dakota, and recommended the acceptance of an invitation for the incoming Grand Master to visit the Communication of the Grand Lodge of Idaho.

Two Special Communications of the Grand Lodge were held during the year; one to lay the corner-stone of a church at Sunburst, and the other for the funeral of the late Cornelius Hedges, Jr., Grand Secretary, who died in office.

The Grand Master reports a refusal to lay a corner-stone, saying:

"I was asked to lay, with Masonic ceremonies, the corner-stone of the new sugar factory being erected by the Utah-Idaho Sugar Co., at Chinook, Montana. As I did not feel that this structure came under the meaning of the law, which says:

"'No corner-stone should be laid with Masonic ceremonies, except those of acknowledged public structures or buildings which are to be used for Masonic purposes; and then only by special request of the proper authorities,' I courteously declined to perform the ceremony."

He made only one decision during the year. In this connection he says:

"This was my one and only official decision. I have been asked a multitude of questions but practically all were answered by referring to certain sections of the Code."

In conclusion of his address the Grand Master said:

"The year has been, in many ways, the happiest of my life. I realized it was a great undertaking and responsibility, but where is the man who would not have welcomed it?

"To my worthy successor I gladly surrender the honors and duties of this exalted office and welcome him as Most Worshipful Grand Master to take over a united and prosperous family. For many years I have been a regular attendant of this Grand Lodge. My first appearance was before I was yet a representative, and had no voice in your affairs and only through courtesy allowed to listen. It is now my hope and ambition to meet with you as long as my life is spared and strength remains, and I want to continue to work and do whenever there is an opportunity. I have no misgivings for the future. I know Montana Masons will continue to go forward and accomplish greater results in the years before us. With the Supreme Grand Master's blessing, which I humbly and earnestly implore, you will move on from good to good till time shall be no more."

The Committee on Necrology report the death during the year of Past Grand Master, M.W. Bro. W. A. Clark, late of Butte, who left a legacy of \$25,000.00 to the Masonic Home; Grand Treasurer Richard Lockey, and the Grand Secretary, Cornelius Hedges, Jr., who had been Grand Secretary from 1907 until the time of his death, and who succeeded his father the late Cornelius Hedges who was Grand Secretary from the year 1871 until the time of his death in 1907, the father and son having occupied

that office consecutively for a period of fifty-four years. A splendid eulogy of the late Grand Secretary is published in the Proceedings.

The Grand Lodge maintains a Masonic Home near Helena, with a total of thirty-six inmates, consisting of twenty-eight men and eight women.

The total Grand Lodge receipts during the year were \$149,458.37; disbursements \$94,711.58, cash balance on hand \$54,746.79.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is under the able hand of M.W. Bro. Hepner, P.G.M., and is a very full and complete summary of everything that is best in the Proceedings of sixty-seven foreign Grand Jurisdictions, and covers two hundred and two pages. Alberta receives about one page, covering our 1924 proceedings at Medicine Hat, and quotes from the oration delivered by M.W. Bro. McNeill, on that occasion.

G. F. A.

NEBRASKA

Sixty-eighth Annual Communication held at Omaha, June 9th, 10th, and 11th, 1925. In the Grand East, M.W. Bro. Robert R. Dickson, Grand Master.

The Grand Master's address was a very able and exhaustive review of the year's work. The following items are, from Alberta's point of view, we believe, worthy of quotation and comment.

We meet from time to time brethren who have a somewhat vague idea of Grand Lodge, what it is and whence it derives its status. The words of M.W. Bro. Dickson effectively answer:

"This is your Grand Lodge; the responsibility is yours; you are the representatives of your respective lodges. The success or failure of this communication rests upon your shoulders, and you will be derelict in your duty to your lodge if you do not attend every session. Many of the brethren are apt to shirk and seek to avoid the responsibility for that which is done, and charge the mistakes made to the Grand Lodge instead of assuming responsibility therefor."

The value of Masonic Education was strongly stressed in a recommendation that sufficient funds be appropriated to cover the cost of propaganda work.

Under M.W. Bro. Dickson a change was made in the methods of promulgating accuracy and uniformity of work. Under the supervision of the Custodian a number of Deputy Custodians, selected for knowledge and enthusiasm, carried on schools of instruction similar to Alberta's district meetings. The results were apparently good.

In the matter of delinquent dues the Grand Master commented:

"Few brothers, cannot, sometime during the year, pay their dues, and it is within the power of the Secretary to reduce the delinquent list to a minimum. Our secretaries should not only realize their duties in that regard, but should perform them, and should have the co-operation of the brethren."

Alive to the number of organisations which attempt to pin themselves to the skirts of Masonry, M.W. Bro. Dickson significantly remarks:

"To recognize every worthy organization that sought recognition of us, would necessarily weaken our present and future efficiency and divide and scatter our forces as well as our resources."

The Grand Master made the following recommendations, all of which were later approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence:

That the record of a brother's suspension for non-payment of dues cannot be changed or annulled by the lodge suspending him after the brother's death.

That a Master Mason holding a Nebraska dimit and being in good standing be not liable for a fee for affiliation in Nebraska.

That the ballot be spread for each candidate and not for several collectively.

He complains about the number of questions asked him which are answered by the Constitution and recommends:

"* * * that the law be continued to be read until the Masters and Wardens at least become familiar with its every provision. Masters should consult the law before asking the Grand Master's opinion * * *"

A very full report is given by "Uncle Bob" French, the veteran Grand Custodian of the work. Throughout the pithy sentences of his comment he stresses again and again the necessity for accuracy and uniformity among the subordinate lodges.

A magnificent oration delivered by Wor. Bro. Matthew A. Hall is printed in full. Having as its theme the charity, toleration and magnanimity of the true Mason, he dispenses much of a philosophy that our present day world sadly needs. He dwells at length on the need for giving our approbation now for work performed or service given. He quotes effectively from the "Unknown's Creed:"

"Let us anoint our friends beforehand for their burial. Post-mortem kindness does not cheer the burdened spirit. Flowers on the coffin cast no fragrance backward over the weary way."

There is active co-operation between the Masons of Nebraska and the Order of the Eastern Star in the upkeep of the widows' and orphans' homes now known as "The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children."

A set of Rules governing Masonic Service Annuities and Gifts with suitable forms appears.

An interesting feature of the printed Proceedings is a Roll of Honor page listing the names of twenty-five lodges with no delinquent dues.

Alberta's Proceedings for 1924 are briefly reviewed in the Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Membership, 40,287.

John Wright, Lincoln, Grand Master.

Lewis E. Smith, Omaha, Grand Secretary.

A. M.M.

NEVADA

The Sixty-first Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nevada convened in the Masonic Temple at Reno on June 10th, 1925. M.W. Bro. Edward A. Ducker, Grand Master, presided.

Every lodge in the jurisdiction was found to be represented.

The M.W. the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of California, David J. Reese, was present, and delivered a very fine address in reply to the welcome that was accorded him.

The Grand Master gave a detailed account of his work during the year. He reported that all the lodges that he had visited were in sound financial condition, and the average attendance fair, and that he had found Masons generally very interested in the work that Masonry has to do. Masons were striving individually and collectively to translate their interest in the work of the Order into intelligent activities to promote its ideals and aspirations. His remarks on education are especially timely and good, as showing the work of the public and secondary school to be the production of an educated citizenship, capable of self-government in conformity with national ideals and opposed to lawlessness or radicalism in any form. Obedience to the established law, we notice, is being frequently inculcated and forcibly recommended in our sister grand jurisdictions south of the 49th parallel.

Recognition was refused to the Argentine Grand Orient and the Grand Lodge Cuscatlan of San Salvador.

The annual oration delivered by Grand Orator A. J. Maestretti was of the usual high order.

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals dealt with six matters coming before it.

V.W. Bro. Edward D. Vanderleith, Grand Secretary, in his capacity as Commissioner of Review, submitted his twenty-second annual review of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodges of the Masonic world. Seventy-seven Grand Jurisdictions are reviewed, and Alberta is not overlooked. We regret to notice that Nevada did not find a place in our review, and trust that our Brother will pardon the omission. The Commissioner modestly hoped that his review would be found interesting and perhaps instructive. It is all that and more.

Total membership, 2,687; net gain 58.

Clarence L. Young, Lovelock, Nevada, Grandmaster.

Edward D. Vanderleith, Reno, Nevada, Grand Secretary.

C. V. B.

NEW BRUNSWICK

The Fifty-Eighth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick was held at Freemasons' Hall in the city of St. John on August 27, 1925. M.W. Bro. Geo. D. Ellis, Grand Master.

In the introductory portion of his annual address, Grand Master Ellis says:

"I am credibly informed that the Grand Orient of Belgium has abandoned the requirement of a belief in God and has removed the Bible from its altars, thus placing itself beyond the bounds of Masonic recognition. We cannot ignore the Fatherhood of God and yet assert the Brotherhood of man.

"Several lodges of the Eastern Star exist in this province and each of them, I believe, meets in the local lodge room. This Order is favor-

ably received in Scotland, but has been sternly banned by the United Grand Lodge of England and the Grand Lodge of Ireland. The Sister Jurisdiction of Nova Scotia has likewise discouraged it. Grand Lodge may feel inclined to deal with this subject. The use of our private lodge rooms is greatly to be depreciated."

He concludes his interesting address with these significant words:

"Though wars and rumours of wars are rife, and industrial and political disturbances are threatening, yet there are quiet movements in the world at large that are of good omen for the future; and may be remembered as important events in history when our present troubles are past and forgotten. One of these is the increasing usefulness of the League of Nations, which is making itself felt as a world influence more quickly and more surely than could have been expected. Its principles are so much in harmony with Masonic principles that they must command our sympathy and support. Another is the movement for the abolition of the caste system in India, which is meeting with remarkable success. Another is seen in the many signs of a nearer approach in the historic churches of Christendom, the most spectacular instance of which is the recent visit to England of great dignitaries of the Eastern Church. For the first time in history, two patriarchs of the Greek Church, the Patriarch of Jerusalem and the Patriarch of Alexandria, attended by other ecclesiastics of high rank and dignity, have been cordially received and welcomed in the principal cities of England and have taken part in the ceremonies of the English cathedrals. Only those of anti-Christian sympathies can fail to see in this a promise of greater things to come. The attitude of the members of our Fraternity towards all these movements can be well expressed by a recent saying of Sir Oliver Lodge:

"Depend upon it, nothing is haphazard. Things are not left to chance. Everything is amenable to law and order. Everything points to a rational plan, of which we know neither the beginning nor the end, but toward which we can help. In face of all that, shall we allow ourselves to squabble about trivialities? Or shall we realize that we are the heirs of all the ages, that the destiny of mankind is being partly entrusted to us, and that humanity has a future, a potential future, beyond our wildest dreams."

The capital fund for benevolent purposes amounts to \$24,862.18. The brethren of Moncton have just completed the building of a new Masonic Temple, up to date in every respect. The cost of this temple exceeded the estimates and as a consequence the directors were prepared to charge a heavy rental to the two tenant lodges. These lodges asked Grand Lodge to be relieved of the payment of the special assessment for the year 1925. The motion to put this into effect was declared lost.

This Grand Lodge resolved to withdraw recognition previously accorded to the York Grand Lodge of Mexico.

The sum of \$500.00 was placed at the disposal of the M.W. the Grand Master for the purpose of visiting and instructing the Private Lodges.

The Grand Master in this jurisdiction appoints the Grand Secretary and District Deputy Grand Masters, as well as the Assistant Grand Lodge officers, including the Grand Stewards.

Total membership, 5,955; net increase, 165.

S. Y. T.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

The One Hundred and Thirty-sixth Annual Communication was held in the City of Concord, beginning Wednesday, May 20, 1925. Frederick E. Everett, M.W. Grand Master, presiding.

The Grand Master's address is a carefully prepared resume of his work during the year. In his foreword he treats of the advancement of Freemasonry on what might be called modern progressiveness:

"While its fundamentals may not be changed or modified by any man or body of men, its life may be newly expressed; its habits may again be created; its thought may be advanced; its hopes may be reflected; its purposes may be reinterpreted; its ultimate end may be made more glorious, all because a vision of greater usefulness has permitted us to apply the old things in newer ways. We change not our Freemasonry, but we have begun, in our progressiveness, to apply its basic principles in new channels."

He speaks feelingly of the passing of four past D.D.G.M.s.

There is perhaps more than the usual number of requests for courtesy degrees. No less than thirty-two are recorded. We are rather against these Courtesy Degrees. There are sometimes perhaps extreme cases where such may be necessary; but we venture to say that in the great majority of cases the need is caused by some one who is taking up his residence in a new place and he thinks he will improve his standing in the new community by joining the Order. We have known several cases where there was grave suspicion that the applicant had this in mind. We are utterly opposed to the request going to confer the three degrees.

He refused to grant any dispensations to confer degrees within the specified time. He notes four refusals.

He laid the corner-stone of four new Masonic Temples.

Two lodges of instruction were held and two other districts have voted to hold such lodges later in the season. These lodges of instruction are the means of great good to the Craft.

He dedicated two Masonic Temples and one hall during the year.

New Hampshire has a Masonic Home. Last year the Grand Lodge unanimously imposed an assessment of one dollar per year per member for five years, the fund to go to enlarging the home and improving the equipment. The Grand Master reported that "Every lodge promptly paid its assessment when due and without a grumble." A splendid record and shows that the Masons of this Grand Jurisdiction have their home to heart. Two wings were added to the building as well as interior alterations which has made admissible some cases of disability which could not have been admitted before. The additions give eighteen more sleeping rooms besides two large living rooms. There is no report in the Proceedings of the trustees of the Home.

The Grand Master is an enthusiastic admirer of the Masonic Service Association. During the session, M.W. Bro. Andrew L. Randell, P.G.M., of Texas, and Executive Secretary of the Masonic Service Association, gave an address on the working of the Service Association and also on the progress of the George Washington Memorial.

The Grand Master reported that he had not been called upon during the year to make any decisions. This, as he says, speaks well for the Masters of the lodges.

He speaks very highly of the services of the Grand Secretary and urges very strongly that the salary of the Grand Secretary be increased from \$1,100.00 to \$1,500.00 and that his remuneration for preparing and editing the Report on Foreign Correspondence be increased from \$150.00 to \$250.00.

The Grand Master also reports that the membership roll is now 15,086 an increase for the year of 313. That the Committees on applications for membership are vigilant is proved by the fact that there were 135 rejections.

The Reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters show the usual adjectives, "fair," "good," "excellent" when describing the work and the words, "fine," "sumptuous," "delicious," applied to the inevitable banquet. We can get little information from these reports. Alberta has the same system. It seems to us a waste of space to print these reports. Maine last year changed this system of reports and substituted tabulated abstracts, which give a great deal of useful and valuable information. Maine reports cover twenty-five pages for twenty-five districts, while in New Hampshire there are a little over twenty-nine pages given to eight districts. To our way of thinking, the reports of Maine are a decided advance.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of M.W. Bro. Harry M. Cheney, the Grand Secretary. He heads it as Report No. 19 and we are pleased that he did not succeed, as he says, he tried to, in escaping the work. While there might be others who could do the work, I very much doubt if one could be found that could put as much information of the Craft in general in as terse and concise language as Bro. Cheney has succeeded in doing. He gives us the review of sixty-seven Grand Jurisdictions. In four he gives us two years' review. This makes a total of seventy-one reviews. The Grand Master in his address where he comments on this work, estimated that the time required would occupy at least three months working eight hours per day. We, from our limited experience would say that he might add another month and then be within the time.

Bro. Cheney says in his foreword:

"Instead of growing more irksome, the job of writing it has a growing fascination. How it could be otherwise, if one loves his Freemasonry, I cannot understand."

In other words, it is a labor of love and being such the result cannot be otherwise than good. Certainly the word "good" is a modest expression. We are tempted to use the words *very* good. Alberta is included in the review and an excellent synopsis of our nineteenth Annual Proceedings given. We trust that Bro. Cheney will escape any further attacks of the wish to escape this work for if the attack were fatal, we would sadly miss reading his excellent review.

Bela Kingman was elected Grand Master.

H. C. T.

NEW JERSEY

The One Hundred and Thirty-eighth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey was held in the City of Trenton on the 22nd and 23rd days of April, A.D. 1925. M.W. Bro. Andrew Foulds, Jr., Grand Master, presided.

This Grand Lodge was honored with the presence of the Grand Masters from the Grand Lodges of Connecticut, Delaware, Pennsylvania and Rhode Island with other Grand Lodge officials accompanying them; also M.W. Bro. Andrew L. Randell, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas, Honorary Member of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey and Executive Secretary of the Masonic Service Association of the United States.

Interesting addresses were delivered by M.W. Bro. Arnold, Grand Master of Connecticut, M.W. Bro. Dexter, Grand Master of Rhode Island and by M.W. Bro. Randall. In his address M.W. Bro. Randall referred appreciatively to the action of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey in conferring upon him Honorary Membership in that Grand Lodge and also spoke very highly of the support given by the Grand Lodge of New Jersey to the work of the Masonic Service Association.

The Grand Master's address was a businesslike statement of his official acts during his year of office. There are two outstanding recommendations made by the Grand Master, the first relates to the establishment of a fund of over \$100,000.00 for the purpose of providing a Boys' Dormitory for the Masonic Home at Burlington and establishing a fund or foundation, the income of which would keep together many families and do much good practical work. The plan suggested was for each member in the jurisdiction to contribute \$1.00 per year for five years. This proposal received the approval of the Grand Lodge and the necessary legislation was enacted to bring it into effect. The second recommendation was that a special assessment of \$1.00 per year for the ensuing year be collected from each member and forwarded to the Grand Secretary for the Masonic Service Association in payment of subscription to the New Jersey edition of "The Master Mason." By this plan it is proposed that each Mason under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey will receive "The Master Mason" for one year for the fee of \$1.00. The recommendation was based on the idea that by this means the interest and support of every individual member could be enlisted in the work of the Masonic Service Association and in particular in that branch of the work being carried on under the Grand Lodge of New Jersey.

The Grand Master reported the condition of Masonry in his jurisdiction as being active and prosperous. Activities indicated by the increase in membership during the year and its financial reports indicate prosperity. The program of Masonic Education throughout the jurisdiction was well received by the Craft and a Questionnaire revealed a desire on the part of the lodges that it be continued.

The Grand Master declined to entertain a petition for a Masonic lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey by brethren residing at Paramaribo, Surinam, Dutch Guiana, on the ground that lodges in that Grand Jurisdiction should be confined to the territorial limits of the State of New Jersey. His decision was concurred in by Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master, following correspondence with the President of the Grand Orient of France, terminated fraternal relations, theretofore existing between the Grand Orient of France and the Grand Lodge of New Jersey on the ground that the Grand Orient of France had invaded the territory of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania by entering into affiliation with certain clandestine bodies in Pennsylvania. His action was approved by Grand Lodge.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reported against the Grand Lodge of New Jersey acquiring membership at the present time in the Masonic International Association and this report was adopted.

Total membership, 82,827; net gain, 3,458.

M.W. Bro. Ralph E. Lunn, Chatham, N.J., Grand Master.

Isaac Cherry, Trenton, N.J., Grand Secretary.

F. S. S.

NEW MEXICO

The Forty-seventh Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico was held at Silver City on February 16th, 1925, with M.W. Bro. John W. Turner, Grand Master, presiding.

Four Special Communications were held during the year.

The Grand Master gave a concise account of his work during his term of office. Many dispensations were granted, and among the two that were refused we notice that the spectacularly inclined brethren of a couple of lodges were denied the privilege of holding a joint meeting on a high hill. A great number of different Masonic activities are reviewed and the benefits and importance of their work explained and emphasized. The care for tubercular brothers seems to be falling most heavily upon the brethren of New Mexico, and it is little wonder that a call for assistance is being sent abroad.

An interesting feature of the report is an account of the visit made by a number of Masons to the great Cavern at Carlsbad. A picture accompanies the account.

The reports of the several District Deputy Grand Masters show generally a healthy condition prevailing in the Order.

The Foreign Correspondent, Bro. Lucius Dills, has not given us a separate report for each Grand Jurisdiction, but a general one on all. From what he has said and the style in which his remarks are couched we believe that we are the losers from his inability to write more comprehensively.

Total membership, 6,421; net gain, 258.

Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Jaffa Miller, Roswell.

Grand Secretary, Bro. Alpheus A. Keen, Albuquerque.

C. V. B.

NEW SOUTH WALES

The Grand Master strongly condemns the so-called co-masonic lodges, this being some kind of an institution in which women participate. To attend these is a serious Masonic offence under that jurisdiction.

He refers in scathing terms to the Ku Klux Klan and emphasizes that it is totally opposed to the spirit of Masonry. He points out that in at least fourteen American jurisdictions most stringent warning had been issued against any Mason associating himself with it under no less penalty than that of expulsion.

The Grand Master notes that during the ten years during which he had been head of the Craft in that jurisdiction the membership of the lodges increased from less than 21,000 to 56,000; the number of lodges increased from 254 to 484; the funds of Grand Lodge increased from less than £47,000 to over £212,000 and that about £400,000 had been expended in the purchase or erection of Masonic Temples.

The Constitution was amended by adding a declaration by a candidate for admission to the effect that he would seek no degrees pertaining in any way to Freemasonry until a period of at least twelve months should have elapsed from the time of receiving his Master Mason Degree.

The Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. Arthur H. Bray, resigned that office after holding the same continuously since 1888.

The Benevolent Fund paid out during the year 1924 over £5,000 and at the end of that time had to its credit about £60,000.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence deals with the subject by topics rather than jurisdictions. This report is most instructive and interesting.

"Side-line organizations, membership of which is only available to those who are Masons or to those who are relatives of Masons" such as the Order of the Eastern Star, The Grotto, The Shrine and some others, are referred to with strong disapproval. The Report disapproves strongly of the Ku Klux Klan, and the attitude of the Report towards the Order of De Molay is one of decidedly reserved decision.

M.W. Bro. William Thompson, Sydney, Grand Master.

R.W. Bro. Arthur H. Bray, Sydney, Grand Secretary.

E. T. B.

NEW YORK

The One Hundred and Forty-fourth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of New York was held in the Masonic Hall, New York City, on the 5th, 6th and 7th days of May, 1925. Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Wm. A. Rowan, presided throughout the sessions.

From the Grand Master's address which comprises approximately fifty pages in the proceedings, we find the following points of interest:

1. The practice of presenting a special copy of the Bible to newly raised Masons is becoming general throughout the State, in several districts the practice being observed in all the lodges. The volume presented contains not only the standard text of the old and new Scriptures, but several other matters of importance and interest to the newly made Mason.

2. The Grand Master on the 2nd of April, 1925, issued an edict withdrawing recognition from the Grand Orient of Belgium.

3. During the year membership of the Grand Lodge of New York in the Masonic International Association was withdrawn by edict of the Grand Master. In his address, the Grand Master makes a strong presentation of the grounds upon which this action was taken. There is also appended to the address the correspondence between the Grand Master and other Grand Lodge officers and the officials of the International

Masonic Association in connection with this matter. Not only the documents quoted, but the arguments set out in the Grand Master's address are highly interesting and instructive, and are well worthy of careful study by every Mason who desires to be informed on the questions involved in the matter of fraternal recognition of foreign jurisdictions.

Grand Master Rowan is undoubtedly making a strong impression on the Masons of New York, both by the downright strength of his convictions and the convincing method of expounding them.

On page 141 there is set out in the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, the text of the resolution adopted at the Annual Communication in 1923 embracing the six tests to be applied in determining whether a foreign Grand Jurisdiction is entitled to fraternal recognition by the Grand Lodge of New York.

A very interesting report is submitted by M.W. Bro. Samuel Nelson Sawyer on his Overseas Mission, during which he constituted two lodges in Syria under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New York and established a Masonic District in Syria and also visited the lodges in Bucharest, Roumania, working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New York, and recommended dispensations for four additional lodges in Roumania.

Another very interesting portion of the proceedings is the report of M.W. Bro. Arthur S. Tompkins on his mission to Finland for the purpose of constituting the Grand Lodge of Finland with the blessing of the Grand Lodge of New York. This new Grand Lodge is comprised of three lodges which were chartered by the Grand Lodge of New York and have made such excellent progress that the future of the new Grand Lodge of Finland would seem to be assured.

Another most interesting feature in the Annual Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New York for 1925 is a learned Masonic treatise entitled, "Can the Comacine Masters be regarded as Ancestors of Freemasonry?" by R.W. Bro. Ossian Lang, Grand Historian.

One of the striking sentences in the introduction to the Report on Foreign Correspondence refers to "evidences in many quarters of a renewed determination to uphold the fundamental principles of the Craft, to resist departures therefrom, reaffirming particularly the Fatherhood of God as a necessary condition for the promotion of the brotherhood of man, and also checking influences which would persuade the lodges to occupy themselves with contentious political questions more or less subtly introduced."

A study of the workings of the institution of Freemasonry in a large jurisdiction like that of New York as evinced and disclosed in the Annual Proceedings of this Grand Lodge, and the acts of its executive officers and committees, is one of the best means of becoming convinced of the wonderful power and influence which Masonry can and does exert in furthering and advancing the best interests not only of the large company of our Craft, but humanity at large through the many contacts which inspired Masons have with their fellow men.

Number of lodges, 650; total membership, 311,270; net gain, 12,236.

Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Wm. A. Rowan.

Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. Robert J. Kenworthy.

F. S. S.

NEW ZEALAND

1924.

The Annual Communication of Grand Lodge was held at Auckland, November, 1924.

M.W. Rt. Hon. William Ferguson Massey, P.C. was elected Grand Master for the ensuing year, a successor to M.W. Bro. Viscount Jellicoe, who had returned to England.

At the end of September, 1924, Grand Lodge funds amounted in all to over £84,000. Over £10,000 was paid out from the various Benevolent Funds during the year. During the year the total membership increased by over 1,000.

The Constitution was amended to allow of collective balloting.

M.W. Bro. Viscount Jellicoe sent a long telegram expressing his regret at his inability to be present and wishing the Fraternity every success.

M.W. Bro. William Ferguson Massey, P.C., Grand Master.

R.W. Bro. Col. George Barclay, Auckland, Grand Secretary.

E. T. B.

NEW ZEALAND

1925.

The Thirty-sixth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held at Dunedin, on November 25, 1925. R.W. Bro. R. H. Richmond, Deputy Grand Master, presided.

The Acting Grand Master in his address made a fitting reference to the death of Queen Alexandra and to the great loss sustained by this Grand Lodge by the passing of M.W. Bro. Wm. Ferguson Massey, Grand Master of this Grand Jurisdiction.

This Grand Lodge since its inauguration in 1889, has subscribed £160,785 for benevolence and has paid out £83,097. The total cash balance of the several funds of Grand Lodge at September 30, 1925, was £88,891. Amongst the various funds for benevolence is one known as the Circular Appeal Fund. Five appeals by circular to lodges were made last year and were freely responded to. I take the liberty of quoting two of these to illustrate the purpose for which these appeals were made and the success attending them.

1. "On behalf of the widow and son of the late Bro. Herbert Thomas Alexander Lilburne, of Lodge Hiram, No. 46, Dunedin, the sum of £316 16s. 6d. was raised, and was used for clearing the mortgage on the property and assisting the widow generally."

2. "On behalf of Bro. Percy James Bailey of Lodge Moutoa, No. 195, Gonville, Wanganui: Bro. Bailey contracted a form of blood disease, which caused partial paralysis, with loss of speech, and inability to use his right hand. He is not expected to be able to work again. He has a wife and four daughters, aged respectively 11, 8, 4 and 1 years. The desire was to raise a sum of £400 with which to establish Mrs. Bailey in business as a confectioner, her relatives being experts in that trade, and, therefore, would be able to advise and assist her. The appeal realized £444 18s. 6d., which will be expended for the purpose named."

The Board of General Purposes recommended that the names of annuitants should not in future appear in the Annual Proceedings. The total amount received from lodges during the year on account of Circular General Appeals amounted to £1,441 18s. 2d. The Widows' and Orphans' and Aged Masons' fund distributed annuities amounting to £3,607 10s. during the year.

This Grand Lodge extended recognition to the National Grand Lodge of Colombia at Barranquilla and the Grand Lodges of Norway, Denmark and Equador.

We note with pleasure that there is considerable activity manifested in this Grand Jurisdiction in connection with the erection of Masonic buildings, not only in the larger centres but also in the country districts. The brethren of the City of Wellington are erecting a Masonic Temple estimated to cost £35,600.

A wealthy brother who died at Nelson bequeathed his residence for the purpose of being used as a Masonic Institution and boarding establishment for orphan daughters of deceased Freemasons of either New Zealand, English, Irish or Scotch Constitutions. He also provided the sum of £5,000 for the purpose of establishing this institution and after making certain payments the residue of the estate was to be applied towards the maintenance of this Orphanage. The total amount available is about £45,000.

The salary of the Grand Secretary was increased to the sum of £700 per annum, dating from October 1, 1924.

Grand Lodge asked the Board of General Purposes to consider the question of including in the Proceedings of Grand Lodge a review of the Proceedings of Sister Grand Lodges.

The newly installed Grand Master, M.W. Bro. General Sir Chas. Ferguson, in his address to the brethren gave expression to these significant words:

"It is now, when we are as it were at the parting of the ways, that it behoves all Freemasons to throw their whole weight and influence into the scale. We have a clear and distinct mission. Loyalty is and has always been our watchword; let us show it by service.

"How can we do it? Not, I think, by an general action as a body in public. Freemasonry, as I understand it, aims at moulding the lives and characters of the brethren in such a way that individuals are brought to recognize and live up to their responsibilities. It is for individuals to put into practice the ideals which they learn in the lodge, and we must leave to each one to do his duty as he has vision and opportunity.

"There are many forms of service. Some may have their opportunities in public service to the State in one or another profession. Others may devote themselves to social service in one or another form, and there is hardly one among us who is so busy that he cannot give up some portion of his time to doing something to ameliorate the lot and condition of those less fortunate than himself. But every individual, whatever his walk in life, has at least an equal opportunity common to all of influencing those with whom he comes in contact. Everyone of us, young or old, is entrusted with a mission to his fellow men. Every incident of our lives, every word and deed, every expression of feeling has an influence for good or evil on our fellows; and, what is more, an influence which will work for good or evil according to its nature, long after we ourselves are dead and gone. As a great writer put it:

"By our sheer existence, by our idleness, or by our labor, by our blunders or by our wisdom, we are exercising a ministry for life or death, for salvation or perdition, on every human soul that sees or hears, or may hereafter learn our life and deeds, for which we shall be justly called to give a strict account."

"That is a responsibility which we cannot evade. It is a service forced upon us; and though we ought, I think, to be able to find more active forms of service to prove our loyalty, still the exercise of our personal influence for good is an obligation which we can all recognize and bring to bear. It is the irreducible minimum of what we owe to our fellow men and to our professions of loyalty."

Total membership, 23,887; net increase, 1,094.

S. Y. T.

NORTH DAKOTA

The Grand Lodge of North Dakota met in its Thirty-sixth Annual Communication at Grand Forks, on June 16th, 1925, M.W. Bro. Theodore S. Henry, Grand Master, presided.

The colors were introduced, and the brethren instructed as to the proper salute.

According to the practice established by the Grand Lodge a short time ago, the Grand Master requested the Grand Secretary to receive and welcome all Masons of fifty years' standing. Seven Masons responded, five of whom had served in the Northern Forces during the Civil War. All gave brief accounts of their Masonic career.

The Grand Master's address is not only an account of the work during his year of office, but a fine exposition of the principles and aims of the Order. In part he said:

"I cannot help reflecting upon the happiness that has been mine the past year in doing a little something to keep the beacon light of our teachings before the eyes of the Masons of this jurisdiction.

"This Masonic year has been a busy and I hope a profitable one."

He stressed the importance of an educated citizenship, and in this connection said:

"To have a thorough knowledge of our Government and the principles upon which it is founded, to be familiar with its history and with the lives of the men who have made our country the great nation it is today, is to have love and reverence for her institutions that no loud voiced demagogue can easily overthrow. I believe that Masons generally should have this knowledge. Education rather than agitation is the great need of the world to-day."

Through efforts made for Masonic education greater enthusiasm and interest had developed in Masonry among non-attendance members and great good had been accomplished.

Strong endorsement was given the Masonic Service Association—a product of the West which was so good that the East had accepted it.

A letter was sent to every Mason in the jurisdiction urging him to exercise the franchise on Election Day. (If this practice were adopted

here letters would be going out pretty often; three times within a year, to be exact).

An interesting account is given of the visit of the Grand Master to the annual meeting of the George Washington Memorial Association, at Alexandria, Virginia, where the Temple is being erected. Regarding this Memorial to the Father of his Country, Grand Master Watres, of Pennsylvania, is quoted as follows:

"Erected of enduring material, our Temple will stand through the ages. It will carry to generations unborn and to those to whom we may seem an ancient race, the message of human brotherhood. It will perpetuate the attributes of self-denial, patriotism, love of country and fellowmen, which were exemplified in the life and the work of the great Mason, the Master Builder of our nation, George Washington."

The fifteenth annual report of the Grand Secretary indicated the smallest net gain in the history of the Grand Lodge, but expressed the belief that the 1925 would show a splendid come-back. He stated that "We look upon the present situation with decided equanimity, for we are certain that along lines of Masonic education, Relief and Service, there has been the most gratifying and worthwhile advance. Where there has been leadership in lodges and districts there Masonry is making tremendous progress in a soundly constructive way."

Recognition was refused to the Grand Orient of the Argentine Republic, and granted to the Grand Lodge of Panama.

The Topical Outline presented by the Fraternal Correspondent, Bro. G. G. Phelps, makes very interesting reading, and one from which we would like to quote freely, but space forbids. His criticisms are trenchant, coming from one who is not afraid to speak his mind in open meeting. The Review of Foreign Correspondence from the pen of Bro. Phelps is an able one. Alberta is fully noted.

The representative of the Grand Lodge of Alberta was Bro. Herbert A. Merrifield, of Hankinson.

Total membership, 15,070; net gain, 37.

Grand Master: M.W. Bro. Theodore B. Elton, Grand Forks.

Grand Secretary: M.W. Bro. Walter L. Stockwell, Fargo.

C. V. B.

NOVA SCOTIA

The Sixtieth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia was held in the city of Halifax on June 10, 1925. M.W. Bro. Jas. Henry Winfield, Grand Master.

M.W. Bro. Winfield made special reference to the great loss sustained by this Grand Lodge by the death of two Past Grand Masters, M.W. Bro. John Hay, who served as Grand Master in 1918, and M.W. Bro. Murray Lawson, who served as Grand Master in 1921. The M.W. the Grand Master appointed R.W. Bro. Geo. L. Fisher of Truro, Acting Grand Lecturer in the place of M.W. Bro. John Hay, deceased.

This Grand Jurisdiction has adopted a new form of ritual, and finds that the practice of holding District Meetings serves as an excellent medium for instruction in this and other respects. The Grand Master says:

"Early in the year I instructed the several D.D.G. Masters to arrange for joint meetings of all the Lodges in their respective districts, believing that such so-called District Meetings to be held once each year would be of great benefit to the Craft, by bringing together substantially all the members of the Craft in each Masonic District for exchange of ideas, Masonic instruction and fraternal intercourse.

"Nine of these district meetings were held during the year, with splendid results. Without exception the attendances were both large and enthusiastic, and there seems to be a very general opinion that such meetings should form a permanent feature of our Masonic life in the future. Advantage was taken of these meetings to have the Grand Lecturer present and instruct the Brethren in the proper working of the Ritual."

The program at these district meetings was very similar to that followed in this Grand Jurisdiction. The third degree was exemplified under the direction of the Acting Grand Lecturer with a Degree Team composed of the Worshipful Master of each lodge in the district. V.W. Bro. J. C. Jones, Grand Secretary, who accompanied the Grand Master at the district meetings has the following to say with regard to their value:

"The inauguration by our Grand Master of District meetings proved a wonderful success and I believe that if they are continued it will not be long before it will be difficult to find buildings large enough to hold all the members who will want to attend. It certainly has the effect of us getting closer to each other, gaining valuable information and cementing our friendships."

The M.W. the Grand Master recommended:

"That Minas Lodge at Parrsboro be relieved of their arrears in dues for 1924, amounting to \$283.10." He stated that this lodge had been laboring under severe financial difficulties, largely owing to the heavy burden of their new building. Grand Lodge apparently somewhat reluctantly concurred in his recommendation with the understanding that such must not be regarded as a precedent.

Fraternal relations were severed with the Grand Orient of Belgium, because the latter had abandoned the requirement of the belief in God and removed the Bible from its altar and from the altars of its subordinate lodges.

An Employment Bureau has been established in the city of Halifax. About one hundred brethren or members of their families have secured positions through this medium. This Grand Lodge has expended for relief the sum of \$921.15 in addition to the generous support given to their Masonic Home.

This Grand Lodge has secured commodious apartments for office and library purposes in the new Freemasons' Hall at Halifax and has made an offer of \$2,500.00 per year as rent for the use of the same.

The Grand Master declared the appointments of all Grand Representatives, who had been absent for the past three years, vacated.

V.W. Bro. J. C. Jones, Grand Secretary, presents a very complete and interesting report on Fraternal Correspondence.

Number of lodges, 79; total membership, 9,662; net increase, 83.

S. Y. T.

OHIO

One Hundred and Sixteenth Annual Communication held at Columbus, October 21st and 22nd, 1925. In the Grand East, M.W. Bro. James B. Ruhl, Grand Master.

In this jurisdiction the Grand Master's address includes the reports of several of the usual standing committees. Apart from these reports the address is an able commentary on a year's service. Commenting on the passing of several distinguished brethren, M.W. Bro. Ruhl quotes a poem written by one of them, M.W. Bro. Allen Andrews, on attaining his seventy-fifth birthday, which is not only a tribute to the departed brother but an inspiration to all Masons, be they twenty-five or seventy-five:

SEVENTY-FIVE

"At seventy-five the hills are seeming steeper,
My consciousness of God becoming deeper;
At seventy-five the shadows growing longer,
My faith and trust in Him increasing stronger.
At seventy-five my friends to me are dearer,
I prize them more as parting time draws nearer;
At seventy-five my early ones are fewer,
Oh, may our friendships each for all be truer,
At seventy-five my comrades fast are falling,
While I still hear the voice of Duty calling;
At seventy-five I pray for skill yet surer
That my remaining work be nobler, purer.
At seventy-five of life I do not weary,
No nights of waking fears, no days are dreary;
At seventy-five my burdens rest the lighter,
My upward unknown journey glows the brighter,
At seventy-five, unfolding wonders nigher,
I follow visions ever onward higher;
For seventy-five I thank Almighty Giver;
And trust in Him for life beyond forever."

In the perennial matter of non-payment of dues M.W. Bro. Ruhl's remarks are very much to the point.

"A brother is either able to pay his dues or he is not—and if unable for any good reason, the lodge should remit his dues. It is quite different as to the Brother who is able to pay his dues and neglects them or won't pay them. The sooner you proceed against such brother, the better it will be for your lodge and Masonry."

Ohio objects to the exemplification of a foreign ritual even for the edification of the brethren at "refreshment." Grand Master Ruhl comments: "It appears to your Grand Master that the exemplification, at refreshment or otherwise, under the auspices of subordinate lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction, of the Ritual of a foreign Jurisdiction with which we are in fraternal relations, is contrary to the best interests of Masonry within the Grand Jurisdiction of the State of Ohio. It might lead to misunderstanding between Grand Jurisdictions with which we are in fraternal relations."

Grand Lodge rules the objection of the Grand Master well taken so that no "foreign" ritual may now be exemplified in Ohio except under authorized auspices.

An appendix to the proceedings gives an excellent idea of the Masonic Homes in Ohio. They are in flourishing condition and must be indeed a source of pride and satisfaction to every Mason in the jurisdiction. That there is active co-operation here between the Craft and the Order of the Eastern Star is evidenced by a gift of a parcel of land valued at \$50,000.00 to the trustees of the Masonic Home.

In closing his address M.W. Bro. Ruhl sets out what may well be considered a Masonic Creed. Speaking of what the world knows of Masonry he says:

"The world knows nothing more of them (Masonic secrets) to-day than heretofore, but the world does know from our everyday lives, our daily conduct, certain Masonic tenets or criteria.

"It knows that on every Masonic Altar there is found the open Bible, that we believe in the God therein revealed, and that we are loyal in our belief in Him, devotion to Him and our adoration for Him.

"It knows that we are filled with love of country and devotion to the flag of our Nation; that while it is not given to all men to bear arms in the Nation's defence, yet no organization is more loyal in that regard—but that every true Mason cherishes his country's flag with a devoted love and in his everyday life, when acting under Masonic tenets, is obedient to his country's laws—National, State and Municipal, and that in our loyalty to our country we have fully demonstrated.

"It knows that we are loyal to neighbor, and that our neighbor is everyone with whom we come in contact—not the Mason only, but all mankind. That we do behave when true to Masonry, toward our neighbor in the manner of the example of Him of whom it is said 'He went about doing good,' and that we pride ourselves in our good thoughts, good feelings, and good acts toward all men.

"It knows further that when under the influence of our Fraternity, we are true to ourselves—and that in our own walks among men we concur with the poet:—'To thine own self be true, and it must follow as the night the Day thou can'st not then be false to any man.'"

In the question of recognition of Foreign Bodies Ohio postpones indefinitely recognition of The Grand Orient of Italy and refuses recognition of the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico, the Grand Orient of France and the Grand Orient of Belgium and its allegients.

In the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, Alberta receives a generous and very friendly review.

Altogether the Ohio Report is a valuable compilation of Masonic achievement.

Membership, 193,461.

Earle Stewart, Ironton, Grand Master.

Harry S. Johnson, Cincinnati, Grand Secretary.

A. M. M.

OKLAHOMA

The Seventeenth Annual Communication of the M.W. Grand Lodge of Oklahoma, was held at Tulsa on February 24, 25 and 26, 1925. Grand Master, 1924-5, M.W. Bro. Henry S. Johnston, of Perry. Grand Master,

1925-6, M.W. Bro. Gilbert B. Bristow, of Roosevelt. Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. William M. Anderson.

Lodges, 455; members, 66,662; increase for the year, 3,869.

The present Grand Lodge of the State of Oklahoma was formed in 1908 by the amalgamation of the Grand Lodges of the Indian Territory, founded in 1874, with the Grand Lodge of the Territory of Oklahoma, founded in 1892, the union of the two Grand Lodges being occasioned by the amalgamation of the two Territories and their admission as the State of Oklahoma in 1907.

The present Communication was therefore the Fifty-second of the Grand Lodge of the Indian Territory; the Thirty-third of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma, and the Seventeenth of the Grand Lodge of the State of Oklahoma.

Eighteen Past Grand Masters were present, including the venerable M.W. Bro. Joseph S. Murrow, who was Grand Master in the years 1877 and 1878, and was Grand Secretary for twenty-nine years.

Alberta is represented near the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma by M.W. Bro. Henry S. Johnston, the Grand Master of that Grand Lodge.

The address of the Grand Master is one of the most interesting that has come to the notice of the reviewer. It covers some fifty-three pages in the Grand Lodge proceedings, and shows by its tenor the great efforts and ability displayed by the Grand Master during his term of office.

In dealing with the philosophical phases of Masonry he says in part:

"Masonry emphasizes right conduct. It is primarily a school of character building. It endeavors to lay a plan of speculative imitation before its votary, with the view of inducing him to accept its model whereby to pattern the real and actual unfoldment of the moral nature until the candidate is an operative Mason in the field of character as well as a speculative Mason.

"Masonry's first work is to teach her pupils self-knowledge, sound laws of personal conduct, and correct rules of adjustment with their fellows. It teaches that man's first duty is to reconstruct his own life. It reveals to him his own nature and shows that God is his Father. By allegory and legend, Masonry admonishes that though he search North, South, East, and West, true happiness and real satisfaction cannot be found in or from external sources. All worldly and external honors, glories and rewards are but substitutes. In the heart alone can the true word be spoken, and only after completion of self mastery. It can only be uttered in the presence of the three sovereigns or Grand Masters of the Heavenly Kingdom, namely, Wisdom, Power and Beauty."

Oklahoma has the system of District Deputy Grand Masters, the State being divided into forty-one Masonic Districts. In regard to the District Deputies, the Grand Master says:

"The Grand Master's work and the life and activity of Masons over the State is so intimately and vitally affected by the quality and activity of the District Deputy Grand Masters that their success may well be measured by the degree of their fidelity, industry, and attention. Where a District Deputy is negligent or derelict, the pulse of Masonry will be found to beat faintly, and frequently the purposes of Masonry misunderstood and perverted."

Oklahoma maintains a Masonic Home with eighty-seven children, twenty-two old men and five women as inmates. In regard to the Home the Grand Master says:

"The old people must be gotten out of the Home. Elderly men smoke and chew and swear and old men and elderly men and elderly women both grouch and complain, and the very playfulness which makes a boy the delight of his parents, the sunbeam of a home, renders him an object of aversion to some elderly persons who are not related to the boy or interested in him, especially when his noise and play clashes with their past habits of life or the condition of nerves of an elderly person."

He recommends the establishment of a separate Home for the old people.

In dealing with the subject of non-attendance, he says:

"Men rejoice in activity, and remain faithful to that alone which they serve. Apostacy to the home, the church, to patriotic sentiment and the observance of national holidays in the spirit of patriotism, as well as dereliction to the lodge, are based upon and grow out of, professionalizing these activities and ministrations designed by an all-wise Creator to be used as the instrumentalities of His discipline and training for the human heart.

"The social call has been substituted for visits and for companionship. Conversation is a lost art. Entertainment and music have been professionalized, and are furnished almost entirely by hired performers. Even home music has been professionalized until the untrained members of the family are expected to remain discreetly silent.

"Nursing the sick and administering charity are being transferred to the paid nurse, the salaried official, and organized and officered institutions. The home is asking the school to take its job off its hands. In short, the tendency of the times which transfers every service to the community or to the paid employee has invaded the lodge and left the average Mason with nothing to do in Masonry except to sit by and witness the conferring of an occasional degree.

"Let there be not less than three practices on each candidate, and this system properly in vogue and extending even to the men believing themselves to be too busy to teach the work, the non-attendance evil will practically disappear."

A considerable part of the Grand Master's address is taken up with the Boy Scout movement; Order of De Molay; the Rainbow Girls, and Order of the Eastern Star, all of which "adjuncts" seem to have been adopted under the wing of the Fraternity in Oklahoma. We sometimes wonder what the limit will be and when it will be reached in aligning outside organizations with, and assimilating them under the protection of the Craft.

In speaking of the material progress of Masons in Oklahoma, the Grand Master makes this pertinent comment:

"Oklahoma has builded many temples, some of great size, and in appearance rich and opulent, within which the brethren may congregate, foregather and confer the esoteric work and enjoy their pleasure gatherings. We have paid and taken on the obligation of paying several millions of dollars to erect these meeting places. And it is fitting and proper that we should have done so.

"But we must not forget that these temples, in some instances veritable palaces of brick, stone and mortar, holding erect their proud heads on our hills and prairies, rivalling the temple reflecting the sunlight from Mount Moriah, may signify and symbolize to our indigent, ailing or unfortunate brother, Mammon, the God of Wealth. And must we not thoughtfully enquire of ourselves as to whether or not we are engaged more in the service of self than we are in the service of humanity."

The report of the Grand Secretary shows total receipts during the year of \$213,628.83.

Splendid addresses were delivered by R.W. Bro. Mark Sexson, Grand Orator, and by M.W. Bro. W. L. Eagleton, P.G.M.

Oklahoma withdrew from the Masonic Service Association, albeit somewhat reluctantly.

The attendance at this session of the Grand Lodge was about 1,500, and their session lasted three days.

The review of foreign correspondence is under the able hand of M.W. Bro. Thomas C. Humphry, of Hugo, a veteran at the work, this being his twentieth effort in that direction. He deals with fifty-seven Grand Jurisdictions, Alberta receiving a little over a page of favorable comment, and his comments generally are flavored with pungent but kindly humor.

G. F. A.

PENNSYLVANIA

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania held its Annual Communication at Philadelphia, on December 28, 1925. R.W. Grand Master Samuel M. Goodyear presided.

The Grand Master's address opens by reminding Grand Lodge that they have reached the one hundred and ninety-fifth milestone in their career as a Grand Lodge. Pennsylvania ranks as the third Grand Lodge, the United Grand Lodge of England and the Grand Lodge of Ireland only, preceding them in point of date, and judging from the volume which the writer has just laid down, Freemasonry in Pennsylvania has made a place and a name for itself in those one hundred and ninety-five years that every Craftsman, wherever he may be located may regard with pride and satisfaction. As the Grand Master says: "From a small beginning in 1730, like the tiny acorn, we have grown until today our Fraternity stands in all the splendor of an acknowledged monarch, deep rooted in the historic soil of our Commonwealth, with its branches reaching out and touching the remotest corners." To a young but vigorous Grand Lodge like our own, the example of success so attained after all but two centuries of existence, is invaluable, the more so as it was attained and is maintained today by "adhering strictly to the fundamentals of Masonry and its Ancient Usages, Customs and Landmarks," as the Grand Master reminds us. It is well that he does. In these times, many are inclined to think because of the seeming success which attends the spectacular and bizarre, that Masonry is lagging behind and losing something by continuing to observe that strict adherence to its ancient tradition, which has been so long its safeguard and its glory. The Grand Master is clearly of the opinion, that the modern growth of organizations predicated on Masonry as a necessary qualification to membership, is inimical to

the best interests of the Craft. He suggests that the time is ripe for the adoption of regulatory measures denying the right of Masons to accept membership in such outside organizations, unless permission be first obtained from Grand Lodge. He excepts such organizations as now exist and operate in the jurisdiction: This is a difficult question to solve. It is a serious matter in almost every jurisdiction. The greatest hope would seem to lie in education of the membership so that Masonry be rightly understood.

An event of more than usual interest, and evidence of the solidarity of thought and aims of Freemasonry the world over, is noted by the Grand Master in the space he gives to the Masonic Million Festival, held by the United Grand Lodge of England at Olympia, London, last year for the purpose of securing a fund to erect a Masonic Memorial to the members of the fraternity who fell in the Great War. Some 7,000 members were present and four-fifths of the million pounds required were subscribed then and there. The Grand Master sent in the name of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania a cable conveying greetings and the earnest hope that the object of the Festival would be more than attained, and at the Quarterly Communication held in September, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania implements this cablegram with the splendid gift of \$1,000.00 to this most worthy cause, an expression of brotherly sympathy which will bear goodly fruit in the years to come.

Pennsylvania also reaches out a friendly hand and grip to our brethren of Ireland, where she was represented by the R.W. Senior Grand Warden at a wonderful gathering when the Grand Lodge of Ireland held a bi-centenary thanksgiving service in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, on their two-hundredth anniversary. As the Grand Master says, "These exchanges of visits cannot help but be fruitful of a clearer and more intimate relationship between our several Grand Jurisdictions."

Eight new lodges were constituted during the year. The Grand Master takes the occasion to comment on the financial condition of the lodges. He again stresses the point that Masonry cannot be efficient and of real service when lodge dues are kept so low that they cannot meet their obligations without using fees derived from petitions. He commends the new lodges for setting their dues at a reasonable figure and suggests that some of the older lodges might take advantage of their example in that regard.

He extends honorable mention to the sixty D.D.G.M.'s for their splendid and unselfish service in aiding the administration of Grand Lodge affairs, stating, "Experience and observation has taught me how much of their work is done in a quiet way, attracting but little or no attention, and sometimes I fear with but a slight sense of appreciation on the part of those whom they serve. Yet I am assured that the work done by these good brethren * * * is a service in behalf of the Craft for which they deserve our highest commendation." Amen, R.W. Sir. We too always have a choice body of hard working D.D.G.M.'s, all honor to them.

Like our Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Horace Reid, he found the chain letter pest abroad in the land, and comments: "The custom is one that has no place in Masonry and is a relic of the dark ages." He has like his predecessors found it necessary to stop the use of the word "Masonic" in connection with clubs or similar organizations. He believes their tendency is to engender a class spirit injurious to the welfare of the lodges and this clannish spirit in many cases will lead to other problems which will sooner or later be reflected in the lodges.

The Masonic Homes he finds are well supported and the interest taken in their welfare by the brethren is unabated, no less than 34,186 visitors being registered during the year as visiting the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown. A splendid new building, The John Smith Home for Boys, complete in every detail, was erected during the year as a result of the generous gift of Bro. John Smith, at a cost of \$250,000.00, perhaps the largest gift ever made by a living Mason to any Grand Lodge. This generous brother purposes to endow this Home in addition; thus his gift to Masonry in Pennsylvania will amount to \$500,000.00. Another fine building is also approaching completion, which is being erected by a group of lodges at a cost of over \$40.00 per capita of the membership, and to complete the list, a beautiful Chapel is being erected on the grounds at Elizabethtown by the widow of Past Grand Master Bro. J. S. Sell, as a memorial to her distinguished husband. The Chapel is so designed that any denomination can use it for their particular form of worship.

The Grand Master mentions the fact that the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has now twenty-three trust funds, aggregating \$3,021,384.18. The income from these funds is used for various benevolent purposes. Trustees who are appointed annually by the Grand Master, serving without fee or reward administer these vast sums, giving a real example of Masonic integrity, loyalty and zeal.

He comments on the activities of Masons holding agencies for certain foreign insurance companies which confine their insurance privileges to Masons. While he finds no fault with the insurance offered, he does object to the methods employed, and rightly so where it is found that petitioners are approached and even written up before they are accepted, with a proviso that if not accepted their money would be refunded. It is obvious that such methods would lead to abuses which would lead to much and serious trouble in the lodges. The Grand Master gives stern warning that such sharp practices constitute a Masonic offence.

He again notes with satisfaction the work of the Employment Bureau established by Grand Lodge. They have been successful in placing a large number of applicants.

In Masonic Education, the Grand Lodge has a well developed system which comprises a corps of one hundred lecturers, "representative members of their professions and vocations," and the service is given at the barest expense. The Grand Master urges the lodges to make the fullest use of the service thus available.

He refers at some length to the invasion of the Grand Jurisdiction by the Grand Orient of France, and apparently another organization calling itself the Regional Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, a clandestine body which is causing a good deal of trouble and expense. While Pennsylvania may be depended on to maintain its own position of sovereignty and is able to deal with these spurious organizations itself, it should and indeed has the support of every legitimate Grand Lodge wherever situated. The conference of Grand Masters in Chicago last year endorsed a resolution setting forth the principle that every Grand Lodge is supreme and sovereign within its jurisdiction.

The report on correspondence, under the chairmanship of Bro. Thos. F. Penman, is very full. Alberta receives honorable mention and M.W. Bro. Horace Reid's address is freely quoted.

Five hundred and fifty-nine lodges; 204,101 members.

W. M. Hamilton, R.W. Grand Master.

John A. Perry, R.W. Grand Secretary, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.
J. H. W. S. K.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

The Thirteenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, F. & A.M., of the Philippine Islands, was held in the Masonic Temple, Manila, P.I., on the 27th of January, 1925. Grand Master Wenceslao, Trinidad presided.

Nine Past Grand Masters were present, and seventy-six lodges were represented. The Grand Representatives of seventy-two foreign jurisdictions were received by the Grand Master with an address of welcome and a fitting response made by W. Bro. A. S. Crossfield, representative of Porto Rico. Alberta was not represented.

The address of the Grand Master is a scholarly presentation of his administration of the affairs of this Grand Lodge. There are no outstanding features in the address but it breathes throughout the spirit of brotherhood and a desire for Masonic progress. We quote:

"I will begin by informing you that our lodges have been very active during the year and have done much constructive work for the benefit of Masonry, the members of our great Institution, and humanity in general. Their labors, ritualistic as well as otherwise, have been exemplary both in and out of lodge.

"As I shall set forth in detail farther ahead in this message, our lodges have this year been busily engaged in perfecting their proficiency in the ritual. At the same time, realizing that our activities are not limited to the tyled lodge, they have also been carrying on constructive work in the world without. Notwithstanding the hard times we have experienced, various lodges with buildings of their own have relinquished parts of these free of charge for use by public schools and libraries. One of these activities is the organization of a corporation for the construction and operation of a hospital for crippled children of poor parents.

"I am impelled to speak in the strongest terms possible in praise of all the inspectors of the jurisdiction. Each one to whom I have assigned a task, an investigation, a work of harmonizing differences, a visit of encouragement to a weak lodge, a charge to deliver an admonition, has responded with such zeal and intelligence, that I have been so greatly impressed with the loyalty and interest in the Fraternity displayed by the Inspectors that I feel it my duty, before the Grand Lodge, to commend and thank the Inspectors for their magnificent work of service to the lodges and the brethren during this year."

Dispensations were granted during the year for the formation of four new lodges. The report of the Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. Newton C. Comfort, shows the financial condition of the Craft of this jurisdiction to be quite satisfactory and the general workings of the Fraternity to be functioning smoothly and effectively.

R.W. Bro. Perkins, Junior Grand Lecturer in his report to the Grand Master, says:

"As a result of the year's labors I feel that I can say, without fear of successful contradiction, that the English work as a whole has shown a marked improvement and that there has been an increased interest in the work by those who have been chosen or whose duty it is to put on the same."

This Grand Lodge during the year accorded fraternal recognition to four Grand Jurisdictions, the Grand Lodge of Czecho-Slovakia, Grand Lodge of the Serbes, Croates, and Slovenes, the Gran Logia Espanola, and the Grand Lodge of Finland.

Grand Lodge amended its constitution making provision for conferring the honorary title of Past Grand Master. Subsequently it conferred this title upon W. Bro. Felipe Buencamino, Sr., and Teodoro M. Kalaw.

The Committee on Grievances had twenty-nine cases to deal with. Most of these had to do with infractions of a recent enactment by the Grand Lodge requiring members of lodges to discontinue their membership in an organization known as "Legionarios de Trabajo". The difficulties in connection with this organization have been the subject of consideration by this Grand Lodge for several years and as a result of the action taken by Grand Lodge, is in a way to be cleared up in the near future.

This Grand Lodge withdrew its membership in the International Masonic Association. Grand Lodge adopted the recommendation of the Grand Master, "that in all cases where the petitioners for degrees have previously been rejected in another Grand Jurisdiction, the petitions must be indorsed to the Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge, in order that appropriate action may be taken and due investigation made before ballot on any such petitions."

On the evening of the third day of the Communication, M.W. Bro. Christian William Rosenstock, the new Grand Master, was installed and made an inspiring address in which he outlined to Grand Lodge his interpretation of Masonic principles and the application to immediate problems.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was submitted by M.W. Bro. Geo. R. Harvey, who acknowledged the very valuable assistance he had received from W. Bro. Leo. Fisher in reviewing the Proceedings of Grand Lodges published in a language other than English or Spanish. Both Bros. Harvey and Fisher are well skilled in their work and present reviews which are not only interesting but informative and instructive. We quote from Bro. Harvey's introduction:

"It is noticeable that the unusual growth of a few years ago has subsided, and that the increase in membership is now more normal. The Fraternity seems to be working toward the better assimilation and development, along Masonic lines, of the new members who are being admitted.

"There is still much anxiety as to the care that should be taken in the investigation of petitioners, but greater liberality is being shown in the admission of men having physical defects. The deaf and the dumb are still without the pale, but the blind and the lame are sometimes admitted. There is no uniformity of opinion or action in such cases.

"Side orders, side degrees, and other appurtenant organizations are still receiving considerable attention, especially those whose public behavior tends to discredit the Fraternity. The Order of the Eastern Star is very generally commended as a useful organization, and its accomplishments and high standards are giving it increased prestige among Masons who are not prejudiced against it. The brethren who oppose it are surely not members of the Order and do not know of its good works."

Total membership, 6,788; net gain 7,103.

Grand Master, M.W. Bro. C. W. Rosenstock.

Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. Newton C. Comfort.

F. S. S.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

The Fiftieth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island was held at the Masonic Temple, Charlottetown on June 24, 1925. M.W. Bro. William C. Lawson, Grand Master.

M.W. Bro. A. J. Davis, Grand Master of Nova Scotia, M.W. Bro. George D. Ellis, Grand Master of New Brunswick, and M.W. Bro. Allan P. Shatford, Past Grand Master of Quebec, were distinguished visitors at this Annual Communication.

The Grand Master in his annual address made suitable reference to the loss sustained by Grand Lodge during the past year through the death of M.W. Bros. Hon. John Yeo and Daniel F. McDonald, Past Grand Masters, and R.W. Bro. Alex. Horne, Grand Treasurer.

Fraternal relations were established and representatives exchanged between the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island and the Grand Lodge of Guatamala.

This Grand Lodge celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of its erection by the conduct of the following in addition to the usual annual program:

1. The presentation of a historical sketch of Freemasonry by R.W. Bro. Geo. W. Wakeford, P.D.G.M.
2. The preaching of a sermon by the Rev. Canon Shatford, P.G.M. of Quebec, on the text, "How Old Art Thou?" Genesis 47: 8.
3. The presence of and addresses by the Grand Masters of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.
4. The presentation of souvenir badges to all delegates present.
5. A parade in regalia to attend Divine Service.
6. A banquet in the Victoria Hotel, Charlottetown.

The two addresses delivered by M.W. Bro. Shatford were perhaps the outstanding features of the Communication. We regret that lack of space prevents us from quoting from these addresses at some length.

R.W. Bro. Wakeford deserves much credit for the valuable information presented in his historical review.

The Grand Secretary visited all the lodges in the jurisdiction in company with the Grand Master and inspected the records, accounts and vouchers of each lodge, which he found to be kept in excellent condition with scarcely an exception.

There was evidently not very much Masonic work as only fifty candidates were initiated in the fifteen lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction during the past year. Their membership remains the same as that of 1924—1,169.

The chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence urges what he regards as a forward step by instituting a correspondence review.

S. Y. T.

QUEBEC

The Fifty-fifth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Quebec was held in the City of Montreal on February 11, 1925, M.W. Bro. Allan P. Shatford, Grand Master.

M.W. Bro. Dudley H. Ferrell, Grand Master of Massachusetts, and R.W. Bro. W. M. Logan, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Canada, were heartily welcomed as visitors at this Communication.

M.W. Bro. Shatford travelled over 10,000 miles, conducted 24 Divine Services, made 52 official visitations and gave more than 100 addresses during the two years of his tenure of office as Grand Master.

We cannot refrain from quoting from the concluding remarks of the address of M.W. Bro. Shatford, under the heading, "Form and Spirit." He says:

"There are few organizations, if any, wherein spirit and form are more continually present than in Masonry. It is consequently subject to those misuses and abuses which characterize the conduct of man where these two manifestations of life are evident. Where will you go to find a loftier and sweeter spirit than Masonry, in ideal exhibits? And where will you discover a more complicated and multiplied display of forms? Our ideals are all veiled in allegory and symbols. Our ethics are cast in metaphor and figure. Our Ritual is one long and wondrous skein of intricate forms. Like the meshes of a net they cross and re-cross one another continuously. What wonder if men get lost or confused in this maze of mysteries!

"Yet it is of the very essence of our Order that we should keep spirit and form in their due proportion. It is of primary importance that we recognize the superiority of spirit over form but it is almost of equal significance that we learn the true value of forms. The spirit can only be manifested in external shape but how often does the form choke the Spirit or hinder its fullest revelation? Man has always been making the mistake of holding the form after the Spirit has been released from it, or he has run the risk of discarding the form before he has fully grasped and understood the Spirit.

"The temptation in Masonry is to over-stress the form. There are brethren who wear regalia and exhibit the ornaments who are void of the Spirit of Masonry. There are excessive ritualists who will split hairs over a word or accent while all the while they are wholly unmindful of the Spirit enshrined in the form. Cases have been known where 'good men and true' have been barred from a lodge because of some trifling difference in a password or grip. This is surely to caricature Masonry. Have we not all known brethren who were moved by the highest and fullest Spirit of Masonry and yet were profoundly unlettered in the use of forms? I want to urge, with what force I may have, the paramount importance of the Spirit of Masonry while at the same time giving to form its proper value. One sometimes hears brethren express the desire that Masonry should ally itself to certain movements in the social and political world. They would tie it to a definite party of reform or seek to secure its support for some needed cause.

"One can understand this desire and in a measure sympathize with it.

"We live in an age of Service Clubs—Societies that are pledged to a well-defined effort of philanthropy. Men are asking 'What is Masonry doing? Why does not your organization endorse some definitely good work? Have you helped any institution or supported any beneficence?' Criticism is rife because Masonry has not backed any needful cause. It would, however, be fatal to the central principle of our Order if Masonry allied itself to any of the many forms of human service. All societies are more or less partizan, and Masonry by its very Charter and character

cannot identify itself with partizanship. She stands for universal fellowship and must eschew all partial causes, even at the price of suspicion and misunderstanding. Masonry is a Spirit, first, last and always. It is the Spirit of human friendship. It rises above all sectional feelings, all racial differences. It has only one dogma—the Fatherhood of God. Masonry is not a religion nor a political society. She must refuse to identify herself with any Church, however noble, or with any patriotic organization, however widespread. She has often been accused of religious bias and national prejudices because of the weaknesses of her members, but in her real character she cannot be sectarian or sectional. She stands not so much for tolerance as for fraternity. She seeks to build men of all races, creeds and parties together. She is of all religions where God, the Great Creator and Father is recognized. Any effort to identify her exclusively with one form of religion or race would destroy her mission."

The address in full of District Grand Chaplain Rabbi M. J. Merritt on "Israel and Masonry" is printed in the Proceedings. We wish that every member of the Craft could have the opportunity of reading this address.

Arrangements were completed whereby M.W. Bro. W. W. Williams, Grand Secretary, will devote his full time to the discharge of the duties of his office and his remuneration is increased to \$3,000.00 per annum.

Number of lodges, 78. Total membership, 13,703; net increase, 497.
S. Y. T.

RHODE ISLAND

The One hundred and thirty-fifth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons for the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Providence, R.I., on May 18, 1925. M.W. Bro. Henry Clinton Dexter, Grand Master, presided.

Thirty-nine lodges out of a total of forty-two were represented at the meeting.

The address of the Grand Master is largely taken up with a review of his official acts and visitations. Regarding the Masonic Service Association of the United States the Grand Master of Rhode Island recommends the continuance of their membership "until all signs and all our efforts fail to bring the Grand Jurisdictions into a solidarity such as we would in the event of a great national exigency be so grievously and obviously in need of."

Regarding the educational features of the Masonic Service Association, the Grand Master believes that this work should rest with each state jurisdiction.

The Grand Master recommended that the matter of fraternal relations with the Grand Orient of France be referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence with the request that they investigate same and report their findings to Grand Lodge at the next semi-annual Communication thereof.

We quote from the conclusion of his address:

"I have rendered no decisions; my advice has been frequently sought however upon different matters in the most pleasant way and I have endeavored to give such advice and counsel in a similar manner. Nothing

has happened to mar the most happy and friendly relations existing between myself and all brethren. I have not sought to make my administration spectacular in any way, but just to keep the Faith, to preserve inviolate our tenets, principles and ideals, to promote and advance the interests of Freemasonry in general at all times. How far I have been successful rests with you to judge."

The reports of the several D.D.G.M.'s and the Grand Lecturer indicate that the condition of Masonry in this state is flourishing from practically every standpoint. With the exception of the District of Columbia, Rhode Island has the highest average membership per lodge of any jurisdiction in the United States, having an average membership on the 1924 returns of 425.

Fraternal recognition was granted by this Grand Lodge to the Republic of Guatemala. The Committee on Foreign Correspondence in reference to a request from the Grand Lodge of Cuba that the influence of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island on the Senators of the United States regarding certain provisions of the Hay-Quesada Treaty concerning the possession of the small Isle of Pines, declined the request, saying:

"Your committee believes that Freemasonry should be absolutely free from sectarian and political influences, and your committee fails to find any ground for action to be taken on the matter, as the purport of the request is contrary to the spirit of Freemasonry."

The report of the Trustees of the Grand Lodge Educational Fund showed scholarship loans had been awarded to sixteen students, thereby enabling them by supplementing their personal resources to attend university classes in colleges of their choice. This work is highly commendable and might well be emulated in other jurisdictions.

In these proceedings appears the report of a Special Communication held in the Masonic Hall, East Providence, on October 25, 1924, on the occasion of laying the corner-stone of the new Masonic building being erected in East Providence by Rising Sun Lodge, No. 30. On this occasion the oration was delivered by Chester W. Barrows, Associate Justice of the Superior Court of Rhode Island. His address was a truly statesmanship utterance from every Masonic standpoint. It would be a great gain if it could be read by every Mason.

A Semi-Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held on November 17, 1924, the Grand Master presiding. The principal business was the consideration of the Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, to which had been referred the address of M.W. Bro. Arthur Grant Newell made to the Grand Lodge at its Annual Communication of May 19, 1924.

Regarding dispensations to attend Divine Service, the committee states that a long established custom undoubtedly justifies the granting of dispensations to lodges to attend Divine Service, appearing in public in lodge formation. The committee approved the refusal of the Grand Master to grant a dispensation to confer the Entered Apprentice degree on six candidates at a special meeting. The Committee held that an oral objection to a candidate any time between the ballot and the conferring of the Entered Apprentice degree is a valid objection so far as time is concerned.

Total membership, 17,623; net gain, 591.

M.W. Bro. Howard Knight, Grand Master.

R.W. Bro. S. Penrose Williams, Grand Secretary.

F. S. S.

SASKATCHEWAN

The Nineteenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan was held in the First Baptist Church, Saskatoon, on Wednesday, June 17, 1925. M.W. Bro. D. A. Kingsbury, Grand Master.

The mayor of the city, R.W. Bro. W. H. Clare, tendered a hearty welcome to the officers and members of Grand Lodge on behalf of the city and R.W. Bro. J. MacGregor, extended a welcome on behalf of the four Saskatoon lodges.

M.W. Bro. Kingsbury in his address, has the following to say with regard to the conduct of District Meetings:

"At each meeting there were two sessions, the afternoon meeting being devoted to an exemplification of the third degree and a discussion of the same. The esoteric work was under the direction of M.W. Bro. Tate, Grand Secretary, one of the Custodians of the Work, who answered all questions and addressed the brethren at length upon the meaning of certain parts of the degree. Afterward several other well skilled brethren gave addresses on some teachings of the degree which appealed to them. At the evening meeting the D.D.G.M. for the ensuing year was duly elected, to be installed at this present Communication. The Grand Master and Grand Lodge Officers present then delivered their messages to the brethren. This division of the work enabled us to close the meetings and permit the brethren to depart for home at an early hour.

"Every one of the sixteen District Meetings was a splendid success. Many of the brethren had to travel great distances (up to 125 miles) to attend. Such distances meant great personal inconveniences, but in their enthusiasm in and for the cause of Freemasonry, they made the sacrifice. Such zealous Masons were a great inspiration to us all. We cannot estimate the influence of such gatherings on the various lodges of each district. The whole-hearted support given and the interest shown were a revelation to me of the hold that Masonry has on the hearts of our brethren. We are sure that these annual gatherings of thinking workers have quickened the interest, broadened the vision and aroused a splendid ambition to excel in the work. New ties are formed, old friendships more strongly cemented and the various parts of the District and of the Grand Jurisdiction drawn closer together. The brethren have gone home more than ever determined to excel in ritualistic work and to practice faithfully, at all times, the excellent principles inculcated."

M.W. Bro. W. L. Stockwell, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota, was a welcome visitor at two of the District Meetings held at Moose Jaw and Kincaid; the first including a number of city lodges and the other composed of lodges from smaller centres and dependent to a large extent for membership upon the rural territory surrounding them. M.W. Bro. Stockwell's address on "Masonry at the Cross Roads" was warmly appreciated by those present.

There are 178 lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction. One hundred and forty-four were represented at their District Meetings. The total attendance was 1,741, or an average of about twelve from each of the lodges, which is a very creditable showing indeed.

Brief reports from the sixteen D.D.G.M.'s of the province appear in the Proceedings. These reports are carefully reviewed by the Committee on the Condition of Masonry, and interesting comments made on each. This committee in its general survey of conditions says in part:

"From the formation of Grand Lodge in 1906 down to the year 1924, the number of members of Saskatchewan lodges has increased at a rate which, when it is considered that the population of this province is approximately only 850,000, may be regarded as considerably beyond normal. At the first Communication of Grand Lodge the Grand Secretary reported a total estimated membership of 1,000 at date of organization. The Grand Secretary's report in 1924 gave the membership as at February 28 in that year as 12,796, an increase of 11,796 in eighteen years, or an average of approximately 710 per year.

"The current year shows a lower rate of increase than any year preceding, the membership at 28th of February, 1925, being 12,963, an increase of only 167.

"This may be ascribed to various causes, the principal one, no doubt being the stringent financial conditions prevailing in many part of the province, due to partial crop failures.

"But is this low rate of increase a condition to be altogether deplored? There must come a time, and that soon, when many lodges will have reached the peak of their normal growth, and it behooves us to regulate our affairs with this possibility in view, and direct our energies toward shaping the material now at hand into fitting stones for the builder, instead of depending entirely upon fresh supplies for the prosecution of the work.

"While there are a few lodges which are weak in numbers, and waging an uphill fight for this reason, there are many with a substantial membership roll, which, we regret to say, are not altogether making the progress which they should. In each of them there is a little band of faithful brethren who are doing their best to promote the gospel of Masonry, but in many cases without the support and the encouragement which they are entitled to expect.

"How disheartening must it be for the officers of a lodge, numbering say from 50 to 75 resident members, to be confronted month after month with practically empty benches? What hope is there for definite progress in such a lodge? And who is to blame? The answer is, every individual member who is so regardless of his duties as a Mason, and his personal responsibility for the welfare of his lodge and his obligation to the Craft at large, as to practically disassociate himself from the interests of Freemasonry. As 'a chain is just as strong as its weakest link,' so a lodge would be better rid of the apathetic member, the limit of whose Masonic inspiration is to display about his person articles of Masonic jewelry for what they may be worth, and who apparently has no conception of the principles of Masonry."

In another paragraph the committee, makes the following encouraging remarks with regard to the progress of Masonry in the jurisdiction:

"The Committee on Condition of Masonry is charged with the duty of investigating Masonic activities and reporting the results of its findings. In the course of its work it has frequently found causes (some of which still exist) for expressing disapproval or uttering a note of warning. On the other hand we are pleased that even more frequently, it has found matters which it could heartily commend. If it were not so, Masonry in Saskatchewan would not have attained the enviable position which it holds in the respect and consideration of the community at large. It is gratifying that without fear of seeming fulsome, we are able to state that Freemasonry in the past year has made more progress toward establishing

itself as a vital part of all that is best in the social life of this province than it has in any previous year."

The report shows that there are 2,450 members twelve months or more in arrears for dues and the amount unpaid is \$36,509.85. This Grand Lodge has now a total membership of 12,963. In a short space of 18 years they have built up a benevolent fund amounting at the present time to \$182,274.12. The spending power of the Board of Benevolence is limited to the interest earned on this amount. Grants for benevolence amounting to \$9,315.30 were made last year, which is slightly in excess of the interest earned.

Two very interesting addresses are printed in full in the Proceedings, one delivered by V.W. Bro. Glover, Grand Chaplain, on "Our Masonic Contribution to Canadian Life," and the other by our esteemed M.W. Bro. J. W. MacNeill, Past Grand Master. Lack of space forbids our including excerpts from both of these addresses.

M.W. Bro. W. B. Tate, Grand Secretary, presents as usual an interesting report of the work of his office for the year.

A somewhat brief but interesting review of Sister Grand Jurisdictions appears as an appendix to the Proceedings.

Number of lodges, 179; total membership, 12,969; net increase, 173.
S. Y. T.

SCOTLAND

This Grand Lodge met in Quarterly Communication, on Thursdays, 5th February, 7th May, 6th August and 5th November, 1925. Grand Lodge also met for Installation of Grand Office-bearers, and the celebration of the Festival of Saint Andrew, on Monday, 30th November, 1925.

The following minutes of the Grand Committee were unanimously adopted by Grand Lodge:

1. That an ex gratia payment of £400 be given to Mrs. Chisholm, widow of Brother E. A. Chisholm, Grand Treasurer of Grand Lodge.
2. That a Past Grand Master's Jewel be presented to Brother The Right Honourable The Earl of Elgin and Kincardine, C.M.G., D.L., J.P., Immediate Past Grand Master.
3. That a bronze heraldic plate in commemoration of Lord Elgin's term of office as Grand Master Mason, be affixed to one of the pillars in Grand Lodge Hall.

It was unanimously agreed that Bro. Leonard Melrose be appointed Grand Treasurer at a salary of £500 per annum and that he devote his whole time to the duties of this office.

The following report of Provincial Grand Master Miller of Aberdeen may be taken as an index of the condition of Masonry in the various provinces:

"I have the honor to report, for the information of Grand Lodge, that during the past year I have, along with a deputation from Provincial Grand Lodge, visited all the lodges in the province, and at each of those visitations witnessed the working of a degree. The finances of the lodges are in a satisfactory state, the lodge books were found to be regularly

and carefully kept, and the working of the degrees was of a high standard. The recent visitation by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master Mason, The Earl of Elgin, and members of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, was greatly appreciated in the province. On the completion of five years of office I have to express my indebtedness to the Provincial Grand Officers and members for their loyal support, and to the Provincial Grand Secretary, Brother J. Speid Benson, for his unremitting attention to the interests of the province."

The Provincial Grand Master of Ross and Cromarty, in his brief report says:

"I have the honor to report, for the information of Grand Lodge, that in this province there are ten lodges. They are widely scattered over a large geographical area by sea and land, the travelling distances from the common centre at Dingwall to and from the different lodges extends to about 1,000 miles. In one instance it takes three days to pay a visitation. There are no large centres of population, no town exceeds 4,000 inhabitants. Lodges serve areas often widely scattered, many brethren have to travel many miles, sometimes over trackless moor and mountain paths, to attend meetings. The ten lodges are all in good working order. The books, records, securities, equipment, in every lodge are systematically examined, and the lodges seen at work."

On application it was agreed to grant to Lodge Georgetown, Georgetown, Renfrewshire East, No. 1170, permission to assist Cardonald U.F. Church Bazaar, in support of the Building Fund of the Church, and to name the Stall to be provided by the Lodge at the Bazaar as "Lodge Georgetown."

A new lodge was erected and consecrated at Castletown, named Lodge John O'Groat and numbered 1333.

On report of recommendations, it was agreed to move Grand Lodge to appoint Brother Thomas Sharpe, Calgary, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Scotland near the Grand Lodge of Alberta; and Brother William Henry Hayes, Halifax, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Scotland near the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

S Y. T.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

1925.

The Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of South Australia was held in the Great Hall of the new Temple, on April 15, 1925. M.W. Bro. Thomas S. Pool, Grand Master.

The Grand Master in his address at the Half-Yearly Communication held on October 15th, has the following to say with regard to Undue Publicity.

"It has seemed to me that reports of lodge meetings and gatherings immediately connected with lodge meetings appear with greater frequency in the non-Masonic press than they did. This, in my view, is wholly undesirable. There is, when reports are supplied to what in this connection I may term the profane press, a very grave risk that matters may be communicated which, for a Mason to communicate, would be a Masonic offence. I trust that W.M.'s will do what they can to discourage

such reports. It is not in this jurisdiction alone that attention has been called to this tendency. In 1918 the Board of General Purposes of the Grand Lodge of England expressed its grave disapprobation of it. A communication which may with propriety be made to a Masonic journal may yet be wholly inappropriate for the public press, cause misunderstanding, and injure the Craft."

The Grand Master stated that since his election to the office he had taken the degree of a Royal Arch Mason and had been installed as the Supreme Head of the Royal Arch. He advised those brethren who could give the extra time to attend Royal Arch Chapters, to take the degree and stated that such action tended to consolidate the affairs of Freemasonry.

The Board of General Purposes announced that every lodge in South Australia had signified its intention of qualifying as a Hall Stone lodge which meant an extra contribution of £27,000 towards the erection of a Masonic Temple at Adelaide.

The first Australian Masonic Conference was held in Melbourne in 1921 and the second Conference was held in Adelaide, South Australia, on April 16 and 17, 1925. Representatives were present from all the Australian Grand Lodges and also from New Zealand. These meetings tend to bring about a better understanding between the several Grand Lodges without in the least interfering with the sovereignty of each. Free discussion takes place with regard to matters of common interest and uniformity is established when unanimity prevails.

The total assets of this Grand Lodge are valued at £88,619, 18s, 8d.

The Board of General Purposes drew the attention of lodges to the impropriety of sending reports of Installations and other meetings to the daily press and asked Masters of lodges to use their influence in preventing these reports from appearing.

The Inspector of lodges in his brief report stated that the very casual manner in which some members, including Past Masters, give the signs, left room for a decided improvement. He regarded it almost as an insult to the W.M. for any member when saluting to give the signs in a careless and indifferent manner.

The laying of the corner-stone of the new Temple took place at a Special Communication of this Grand Lodge called at 2.30 p.m. of the same day on which the Annual Communication was held. A number of distinguished brethren from each of the other Grand Lodges of Australia and from New Zealand were present and witnessed the ceremony. This Grand Lodge is to be congratulated upon the excellent progress already made towards the erection of a Masonic Temple which will be a credit to that Grand Jurisdiction.

This Grand Lodge was inaugurated on April 17, 1884, with 2,061 members. On June 30, 1924, the total membership was 11,727, a net increase of 676 during the year.

S. Y. T.

SOUTH DAKOTA

The Fifty-first Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of South Dakota was held at Sioux Falls, June 9th, 1925, with M.W. Grand Master Frederick Treon presiding.

Three Past Grand Masters were called home during the year, and a very touching and appropriate reference was made to this by the Grand Master.

Three dispensations were granted to lodges, and two lodges were constituted. The corner-stones of four new public buildings were laid.

The Grand Master also felt it necessary to call the attention of the brethren in his jurisdiction to the duty of exercising the franchise. Several complaints and grievances claimed his attention. He recommended the use of the questionnaire, such as obtains in this jurisdiction, but we notice that the committee did not approve of this step.

The Grand Orator, Bro. Charles S. Hall, gave a comprehensive and masterful address on "Education." The matter is very fully reviewed, and is worthy of careful perusal and thought by every member of the Craft. We should like to quote the peroration, which is a masterpiece.

The proceedings of fifty-eight Grand Jurisdictions are reviewed. Alberta is given fraternal recognition.

Total membership, 19,296; net gain, 333.

Grand Master, M.W. Bro. John K. Kutnewsky, Grand Master.

Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. George A. Pettigrew, Sioux Falls.

C. V. B.

TENNESSEE

The One hundred and eleventh Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in the city of Nashville, Tennessee, on January 28, 1925. M.W. Bro. Howell E. Jackson, Grand Master presiding.

Alberta was represented by W. Bro. B. S. Smith, of Henderson Lodge, No. 485.

The Grand Master's address is a full resume of the year's work. Like many Grand Masters he finds it necessary to remind the members of constant care in guarding the outer gates, quoting rules laid down by a former Grand Master for the guidance of those who may be called on to sign petitions for applicants, adding this remark: "It is often much easier to get an unworthy one *in* than it is to get him *out* and that sometimes the attempt to put him out disrupts the lodge."

In this jurisdiction they have a Board of Custodians of the Work and Lecturers. The Grand Master considers this system the best that Grand Lodge has had. While the Lecturers first duty is to teach the Ritual, they apparently fill the place occupied by our D.D.G.M.'s. The Grand Master says they have played the part of peacemakers when dissension occurred in the lodges, restoring harmony and promoting good will. They have revived lodges which were, "on the verge of dissolution." They put new life and spirit into lodges which were only doing fairly well. They gave information on Masonic law and procedure and no doubt it was due to their activities that there was a quickened interest in things Masonic. I feel we have missed something in that we have not the privilege in seeing their individual reports in print.

"Rulings" occupy nearly ten pages of the address. Most of the questions asked are about procedure or of local interest only. Many of them are answered by reference to edicts and regulations of Grand Lodge. One ruling was on the conferring of degrees by a visiting "Degree Team"

of another Grand Jurisdiction. The Grand Master points out that while there is no objection or regulation against a visiting Degree Team conferring degrees, it is inadvisable to have work as exemplified in another jurisdiction put on in a Tennessee lodge, as it might tend to confusion and interfere with doing work according to the regulations of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee.

Some members inquired if it would be proper for a Masonic lodge to pass resolutions seeking to control an Eastern Star Chapter insofar as certain affairs of their own were concerned. To this the Grand Master replied it was none of their business, the Order of the Eastern Star was not a Masonic organization and the Masonic Fraternity has nothing to do with the manner in which it conducts its affairs.

There were several questions asked regarding renting Masonic Halls to other bodies and the Grand Master quotes the Code, "It is not illegal but it is not advisable to allow a Masonic Hall to be used for purposes not Masonic." That is good. The aim of every Masonic lodge should be to own and occupy its own lodge room independently of any outside organization. The Masonic lodge room should be for the exclusive use of the members of the Order.

He points out in reply to numerous inquiries, that it is the duty of the lodge and not of the Grand Master to apply the requirements of the edict respecting physical qualifications to its candidates and while the lodge is the judge, it is not meant that the unfit should be admitted.

The Grand Master took an active interest in the Masonic Home, for which many necessary improvements were made during the year. He finds the "outstanding need" is that of a system whereby the boys and girls who come out from the Home to commence earning their own living are looked after and kept under a certain amount of supervision, saying:

"The young people at the Home are segregated, and do not come in contact with many people outside of the other residents, consequently they know little or nothing about the temptations of life in the outside world and are therefore not equipped to take care of themselves and avoid temptations and bad companionships. I have heard some of the brethren say that it was little less than a crime to turn these inexperienced young boys and girls out in the world to struggle for themselves; and yet they are cared for at the Home as long as they can be taught and cared for with our present conditions and equipment.

"The more we think of this situation, the more we see to do,, and the greater is our responsibility. We have 'put our hand to the plow' and we must not think of turning back."

The Masonic Relief Commission reports that few applications for relief were made during the year. It reminds the Craft that the Commission has no authority to pay personal debts of a brother, that every lodge is responsible for its own membership and should do its utmost to "care for its necessities." At the same time the Commission is always ready and willing to assist in cases of need.

Tennessee Masonry is evidently very active in campaigning for better educational work in the State, a committee reporting that the Masons are taking a large and important part in bringing about a public sentiment in favor of improved conditions of education. As a result, they find a citizenship in their State thoroughly aroused and ready for the new era

and willing to pay almost any price to bring an equality of opportunity to all the children of Tennessee. A good work.

The familiar features of M.W. Bro. Ovas, P.G.M. and Grand Secretary of Manitoba greet us as we turn over the pages, together with that of M.W. Bro. Jas. S. MacEwing, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, who were visitors at this Annual Communication and evidently were greeted with a warm fraternal welcome as they say, "the more we saw of them the more we liked them."

The Correspondence is taken care of by a committee under the chairmanship of H. A. Chambers. Alberta receives fraternal notice for the year of the late M.W. Bro. Geo. Murray.

Chas. W. Polk, Grand Master.

Stith M. Cain, Grand Secretary.

J. H. W. S. K.

TEXAS

The M.W. Grand Lodge of Texas convened in its Ninetieth Annual Communication at Waco on December 2 and 3, 1925.

Guinn Williams, of Decatur, M.W. Grand Master, 1924-5.

Ed. R. Bryan, of Midland, M.W. Grand Master, 1925-6.

W. B. Pearson, of Waco, R.W. Grand Secretary.

Lodges, 978; members, 140,075; net increase for the year, 3,894.

Alberta's Grand Representative not present

The Grand Master's address is well worth repeating in full but space forbids. The following extracts are of interest however:

"* * * When you were so kind and considerate as to select me as the active head of the Craft in this Grand Jurisdiction, little did I realize the great responsibility that would be mine.

"Little did I realize that the Masonic Fraternity was in a state of turmoil and strife which condition I found to exist in some parts of this Grand Jurisdiction soon after I assumed the active discharge of my official duties early in March.

"As your Grand Master I would be untrue to my trust did I not speak with frankness, though with a spirit of brotherly love and kindness, in calling your attention to matters that I consider not only deplorable and serious, but bordering upon the impairment of our Ancient Landmarks and of the future usefulness of our beloved Fraternity. By this statement I mean to convey to you that in my visitations that have taken me into more than 300 lodges during the past nine months, I have found conditions, I have asked questions, and I have received information that indicates a total disregard on the part of many members of certain lodges of all the teachings of Masonry, their obligations of brotherhood; and in fact, a condition that caused me to blush with shame and, in my opinion, unless corrected by sound Masonic advice and counsel, will destroy the usefulness of such lodges and bring reflection and criticism upon this Grand Lodge.

"My travels over this Grand Jurisdiction have taken me from Red River to the Rio Grande; from Dalhart to Brownsville, and from El Paso to Texarkana. At many places visited, I have been confronted with the question from brother Masons, 'How can we stop the factional and

unjust blackballing in our lodges?' or 'How can we stop this or that trouble which has been injected into subordinate lodges?'

"The looseness with which the governmental affairs of some of our lodges are being handled is appalling and the consideration given to the enforcement of Masonic Law is even worse, in that, in a number of places where the local lodge has attempted to discipline a member the same has resulted in factional strife and total disregard of the spirit of brotherhood and the obligation to the Craft.

"I have in all things endeavored to be tolerant and just during my administration as Grand Master. I have preached toleration and the virtues of Freemasonry before more than 30,000 members of our Order this year, and in all fraternal love. I have declared that in my opinion, if a Mason does not love and regard the Masonic fraternity with more reverence than he does any other organization or fraternity in existence, except the Church of the Living God, then he should disassociate himself from his Masonic brethren and continue his activities in the organization of his choice, let that be what it may. It has been embarrassing and humiliating to your Grand Master on several occasions to be confronted with the statement that the local lodge has become dormant, and a reflection, as well as a burden, upon the community in which it is located, by reason of the members choosing other institutions in which to spend their time, money and activities. On such occasions I have consistently labored to the best of my ability with our Masonic brethren, calling their attention to the purposes of Masonry, its usefulness to the community, state and nation, and reminding them of their obligations and duty to the Craft, and especially emphasizing the Masonic teachings with reference to brotherhood and the call for harmony and united service to humanity; I have also urged upon them the great lessons and teachings of our Ancient and Honorable Order.

"My conception of Freemasonry is expressed very forcibly on page 20 of the Grand Lodge Laws of 1921 from which I quote the following: 'The purposes of this Grand Lodge are to advance the moral and social interests of its membership; to foster good citizenship, honest industry and upright living; to cultivate the exercise of charity in its best and broadest sense; to assist the widows and orphans of its deceased members; to stimulate friendship, harmony and brotherly love and generally to promote in its own way the happiness of mankind.—*It is a fraternity of good men linked together by indissoluble bonds, to accomplish these noble purposes eschewing all interest in factional politics and sectarian religion, and free from the dictation of both.*'

"After having visited about one-third of the local bodies of this Grand Jurisdiction and coming in personal contact with a large part of the membership, I am convinced that there are thousands of members of Masonic lodges who have a wrong conception of Freemasonry and little knowledge of its objects and purposes.

"I have been forced to defend the purposes of this Grand Lodge on many occasions when I would be confronted with the question, 'Do you not believe that it is time for the Masonic Fraternity to actively engage in politics?'

"I regret to say that in my opinion, there is a growing tendency on the part of some members of our Fraternity to have Masonic lodges participate actively in politics and unless this tendency is checked, Masonry will pay a greater price for such activity than it has, and is, paying, for permitting outside matters to become injected into its internal affairs, con-

trary to the declared purposes of this Grand Lodge. The brethren who have talked with me appear to be honest in their views, but in my judgment, are misled as to Masonic ideals and teachings.

"Masonry is no longer a serious matter with many members of the Order. It has been and is being exploited by such members in business of different kinds and many of the brethren have by promoters of business organizations been led to believe that it was their duty as Masons to take an interest in such business institutions or join such organizations; and many brethren have been thus deprived of their money only to find themselves a member of an organization which has no connection or relationship with Masonry, or to become interested in a business of questionable character. . . ."

It would seem from the foregoing that the membership in Texas has perhaps been increasing a little too rapidly for the members to acquire a proper fixed idea and learning, as to the principles, objects and landmarks, of the Craft.

The Grand Master says further:

"A condition of discord exists in many lodges I visited during the year, and it was reported to me that Masonry was at the time, or had been, suffering from the effects of outside matters having been injected into its internal affairs. In a number of instances I have found that the activities of the members of the Klan have brought about a condition of discord and strife in the way of Klan and anti-Klan sentiment to the extent that all petitioners for degrees have been promiscuously black-balled and without any regard to the tenets, principles and teachings of the Masonic Fraternity, such actions being entirely un-Masonic, uncalled for, and contrary to the principles and tenets of our Great Fraternity.

"The result of such discordant matters has been to destroy peace and harmony and the usefulness of such lodges, and in some instances to such an extent as has required the arrest of the charter of the lodge."

It is to be regretted that the Grand Master found conditions so deplorable in his Grand Jurisdiction, but it is better that the matter be dealt with frankly, as he has done, and proper efforts made to remedy the same, than for him to have passed over the causes of the trouble without mention.

During his term of office the Grand Master arrested the charters of seven lodges, and seems to have warned others, in an endeavor to remedy the bad state of affairs he has mentioned in his address. Dispensations were granted for seven new lodges, and eleven lodges were chartered and constituted during the year.

The Grand Orator's address and also the address of Bro. Lively, having charge of the work of the Masonic Service Association, are splendid indeed, and deserve attention. It is a matter of great regret that space forbids their inclusion in toto in this review.

The Masonic Home and School has as inmates 387 orphan children who receive nourishment and education. There is also maintained by the Grand Lodge a Home for Aged Masons and Widows, with forty-seven inmates.

The Report of the Grand Secretary is mainly of local interest, although the following remarks made by him in respect to returns of subordinate lodges might well be applied to Alberta:

"This is the eighth consecutive year that we have received reports from all the lodges, and I am proud of the record and glad to state that there is a marked improvement in the manner in which the work is executed and as to the time of receipt. On August 1, as the law directs, we had received 749 reports, leaving 229 not received. These 229 lodges were more trouble than the 749 because of the great correspondence it caused to get them. Why, oh why cannot a secretary make the report as the law directs? I know of no reason, unless it is that the five weeks allowed is too long. Two or three of these reports can delay the whole workings of the Grand Secretary's office, as we must wait until all the reports are in before we can complete the tabulation. Now brother Secretaries, let's all do better next year."

Texas Masons are extremely generous to their Orphan's Home and School, the Grand Secretary's report showing a total of \$491,967.91 received for this purpose in the four years, 1922 to 1925 both inclusive, by way of donations from lodges and individuals.

From the tabulations it seems that only 483 out of the 978 lodges in the Grand Jurisdiction were represented at this session of the Grand Lodge.

The Proceedings for 1925 compose an enormous volume of more than 1,400 pages. Only 243 pages of this are taken up by the proceedings of the Grand Lodge session, the remainder being appendices, including a complete roster of each subordinate lodge with names of officers and members, which takes up nearly 900 pages. This in our opinion could well be eliminated.

The report on fraternal correspondence is ably compiled and written by that veteran correspondent, M.W. Bro. S. M. Bradley, P.G.M., and covers more than 200 pages of gleanings consisting of all that is best in the reports of proceedings in sixty-five Grand Lodges. It is to be regretted that Alberta is not mentioned, apparently because our proceedings had not been received by the committee. The report is prefaced by a valuable tabulation of statistics of the various Grand Bodies throughout the world, as to membership, and of the various Masonic Homes as to membership and cost of maintenance.

G. F. A.

UTAH

1924

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Utah convened in its Fifty-third Annual Communication in the Masonic Temple, Salt Lake City, on January 15, 1924. The M.W. Grand Master, LeRoy Aylmer McGee, presided.

Twenty-three out of twenty-four lodges in the jurisdiction were represented.

The Grand Lodge of Alberta was represented by W. Bro. A. E. Eberhardt, the W. Grand Marshal.

The Deputy Grand Master, who seems to be charged with the work connected with the Masonic Service Association, submitted a very full and encouraging report of the proceedings of that organization.

The Grand Secretary reported that three trials had been held during the year. The increase in membership, in common with other jurisdictions, had fallen off slightly, but this was viewed with equanimity. The

resolution made at the previous Communication regarding examination in the Master Mason degree was being observed fairly satisfactorily, eight lodges reporting 100% examined. The Grand Secretary concludes his report with these observations:

"No one can go through a year of service in daily contact with men such as those with whom it has been my high privilege to associate, without a deeper sense of the fundamental goodness of mankind. There is much on the surface of things that might at times disturb one's faith in the worthwhile qualities of men; but these are on the surface only—at bottom, in the essentials of character, in the possession of that kindly spirit which seeketh not her own and shuns ostentation; in the upward, outward look which reaches far beyond that which lies at the feet and is bound to lift—in these things men are sound."

The Grand Master reported that the past year had been very pleasant and fortunate, and nothing had arisen, either in the Grand Lodge or in any of the subordinate lodges, to disturb the peace and harmony. The Craft in general was increasing in numbers and is the means and power to do good, for which a debt of gratitude was owed to the Great Architect of the Universe. Apparently the question of physical qualifications is still causing confusion. In one case the Grand Master decided that an applicant who had lost so much of his right thumb as to have practically no thumb at all was ineligible for admission. In another case a candidate with the same physical defect went as far as taking the obligation before the defect was discovered. The matter was held up until Grand Lodge should meet and pass on it, when it was decided that under the circumstances the candidate should be allowed to proceed. We think that the examining committee must have been asleep at the switch. The lodge in which this incident occurred was reprimanded for carelessness in permitting the applicant to go so far before discovering the defect.

The Grand Master visited every lodge in the jurisdiction and found them all in splendid condition. Quite a number of the lodges own their own buildings, which is a consummation devoutly to be wished, but not often attained. Lodge histories are being carefully looked after. Strong objection is taken to a recent Act of the State Legislature which permits the use of school buildings for other than business (school?) purposes. The vice of the bill is in its application, and many complaints have been made public of the abuse of the Act, which permits a particular Church to force its doctrines upon the children of those who do not wish to espouse its cause. Members are urged to work for the repeal of this obnoxious legislation.

A resolution to the effect that no member of the "Mormon" Church was eligible to become a member of any lodge F. & A.M. in the State of Utah was laid over to the next Communication.

We particularly enjoyed the very informing review of the reports of the proceedings of foreign jurisdictions by the Grand Correspondent, R.W. Bro. Sam. H. Goodwin, who is also the Grand Secretary. This review is one of the most interesting that comes before us. Regarding Utah being overlooked in the Alberta Report we wish to say that the Utah Report was not received in time by this reviewer to allow a review of it to appear in the last Alberta Report. To make amends we are giving Utah two notices in this Report, and hope not to be guilty again of the sin of omission.

Total membership, 4,502; net gain, 181.

Grand Master, M. W. Bro. James W. Collins, Salt Lake City.

Grand Secretary R.W. Bro. Sam H. Goodwin, Salt Lake City.

C. V. B.

UTAH

1925

The Fifty-fourth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Utah was convened in the Masonic Temple, Salt Lake City, on January 20th, 1925. M.W. Bro. James William Collins, presided.

Twenty-one lodges out of twenty-five were represented.

Alberta's representative was W. Bro. A. E. Eberhardt, the W. Grand Marshal.

The Grand Master's report covers a great variety of subjects, showing the wide range of Masonic activities. He was able to say that the lodges were in almost every case prosperous and progressing, and that peace and harmony prevailed. All the lodges but one had been visited, and four corner-stones had been laid during the year. Very excellent photos accompany the accounts of the latter activities.

The report of the Deputy Grand Master warmly espoused the Masonic Service Association work.

Recognition was accorded to Masonic Clubs, subject to supervision and conditions set forth in the resolution.

Two Masonic trials took place during the year, and the finding in each case was affirmed by Grand Lodge.

A resolution was passed, apparently not unanimously, that a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, commonly called the Mormon Church, was not eligible to become a member of any lodge F. & A.M. in the State, and membership in such Church should be sufficient grounds for expulsion.

We wish to endorse that part of the report of the Committee on the Grand Master's address which calls attention to the excellent work of M.W. Bro. Goodwin, who is also Foreign Correspondent, and which also reminds the brethren of Utah of the high esteem in which his work and his personality are held in all Sister Grand Jurisdictions. Apparently some prophets have honor in their own country.

The Report on Correspondence, prepared by M.W. Bro. Goodwin, is of the usual high standard which we have come to look for from him. It contains a very learned foreword, which, we presume, contains the results of the author's communing with Masonry. Alberta is given generous recognition.

Total membership, 4,734; net gain, 232.

M.W. Grand Master, Benjamin R. Howell, Salt Lake City.

Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. Sam H. Goodwin, Salt Lake City.

C. V. B.

VERMONT

The One Hundred and Thirty-second Annual Communication was held at Burlington, commencing on Wednesday, the 10th day of June, 1925, at which 79 of the 103 lodges were represented.

In extending his welcome to Grand Lodge, the Grand Master M.W. Bro. Christie B. Crowell, uses these words:

"As we look into each others faces and clasp the hands of brethren tried and true, it seems hardly possible that since we last met another twelve months have passed beyond recall and that the days of our years are so much nearer their close. But though the slow steps may be a little slower and the gray heads a little grayer, the fires of fraternal friendship burn all the brighter as time passes on and the pleasures of brotherhood here realized which have come to fill so large a place in our hearts and lives, bring us keener satisfaction from year to year as we meet in annual communication, and prove no small incentive to efficient service during the months which intervene."

The Grand Lodge lost two of its past officers by death during the year, one being its oldest Past Grand Master.

This Grand Jurisdiction holds a series of District Meetings and the Grand Master attended all of them and reports being "most favorably impressed with the attendance, character of the work, and enthusiasm of the brethren."

In his address the Grand Master refers to the desire of the Grand Treasurer to retire from that office. R.W. Bro. Whitcomb has held office for thirty-seven years and has most efficiently carried out the duties of that office. Grand Lodge unanimously by rising vote, expressed their heartfelt gratitude and deep pride in the fine service he had rendered.

During the year the Grand Master dedicated two new lodge rooms.

It seems to us an excellent plan which the Grand Master adopted at the beginning of his term of office, that of sending, what he calls a short resume of important new legislation and events of special interest, to all the subordinate lodges. Often important legislation is passed by Grand Lodge which becomes law at once and it is highly important that knowledge of such should be in the hands of the Masters of the lodges without waiting some months for the printed proceedings.

The new form of petition and questionnaire adopted last years seems to have been somewhat troublesome so it was left optional with the lodges to use either the old form, which is to be changed to include certain information deemed necessary, or that adopted last year.

The Grand Master speaks in glowing terms of the work of the George Washington Memorial Association. Vermont has subscribed its dollar per member and is in the one hundred per cent class, but to keep in this class each new member initiated must contribute his dollar. To meet this difficulty the Grand Master proposes that each initiate be assessed one dollar extra. The Committee on Jurisprudence sadly interferes with this scheme by outlawing it. However, there is no doubt but what Vermont will find some plan to keep in the high position in which she now is for all know that the Masons of Vermont are as fixed and determined in a good cause, as are its celebrated Mountains of granite and marble. In fact, we find later on in the proceedings a resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, that the Bylaws be amended to require in the place of three that four dollars be paid by each initiate to the Grand Lodge, one dollar of which is to be remitted to the Grand Secretary of the George Washington Memorial Association.

The Committee on Grievances report that while several brethren appeared and presented various matters, none came within its jurisdiction and they had great pleasure in reporting that peace and harmony prevail throughout the Craft.

The Grand Master recommends that a special committee be appointed to consider affiliation with the Masonic Service Association. A motion was adopted authorizing the Grand Master to appoint a committee of three Master Masons to thoroughly investigate the activities of this association and report at the next Annual Communication.

He also recommends that the word "charity" be omitted from the name Permanent Charity Fund. This suggestion did not meet with a very cordial welcome. The Committee on Jurisprudence however in their report say that the name having been fixed by a standing resolution, it can only be changed as By-laws of the Grand Lodge are changed, or amended. We cannot find where any notice of motion was given to make the amendment.

Lodges were given power to allow the Order De Molay to use the lodge room.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is written by M.W. Bro. Archie S. Harriman, P.G.M. It is his second annual review and the work is exceedingly well done. He gives us sixty-seven reviews, Alabama, Georgia and Montana for the years 1923 and 1924, Alberta 1924 Proceedings are carefully reviewed. He specially mentions the report of our Grand Librarian, M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor. Bro. Harriman is, we venture to say, a true lover of good books.

M.W. Bro. Christie B. Crowell was re-elected Grand Master.

Chartered lodges, 103. Members, 18,682; gain for the year, 226.

H. C. T.

VICTORIA

1924

The usual four Quarterly Communications were held during the year 1924.

During the previous year 4,358 candidates were initiated and 1,848 brethren affiliated, making a total membership of 35,500. The aggregate funds to the credit of the lodge was £119,000. Fourteen new Masonic Temples were dedicated and twenty-five lodges consecrated. Fifteen new Masonic Temples were under construction.

For the fourth time M.W. Bro. His Excellency the Earl of Stradbroke was elected Grand Master.

The Board of General Purposes strongly discountenances the practice of circulating chain letters and prayers as did our own Grand Master, M.W. Bro. H. P. Reid.

The Benevolent Fund at the end of the year showed a balance of over £77,000.

The volume of Annual Proceedings contains reviews of the Proceedings of other Grand Lodges.

M.W. Bro. His Excellency, The Earl of Stradbroke, Grand Master.

R.W. Bro. W. Stewart, P.S.G.W., Grand Secretary.

E. T. B.

VICTORIA

1925

Quarterly Communications of this Grand Lodge were held during the year. M.W. Bro. His Excellency the Earl of Stradbroke, Grand Master.

From the Grand Secretary's Report for 1924, we excerpt the following:

"The year 1924 has eclipsed all previous records in the history of Grand Lodge. Thirty new lodges have been constituted in various parts of the State. The initiations total 4,043 and 1,999 brethren affiliated. The net gain in membership for the year was 3,809."

"It is gratifying to note that the advice of the M.W. Grand Master with regard to lectures on Masonic subjects, is being acted upon, and the establishment of Study Circles in the metropolitan area will tend to fill a long felt want."

"During 1925 it is proposed to establish travelling libraries, containing twelve selected books, for the use of country lodges, and each lodge will have the use of the library for a limited period."

"The members of the 1923 Masters' Association are to be commended for their generous action in providing a scholarship, of the annual value of £12, for four years, for the education of the son or daughter of a deserving widow. The Board of Benevolence has allotted the first scholarship to the daughter of a widow in one of the country districts. It is hoped that similar Associations will follow this fine example of benevolence."

We observe that the intervisitation of the officers of Sister Grand Lodges has become general throughout the Commonwealth of Australia. Several Grand Lodge officers from four Sister Grand Jurisdictions were welcome visitors at the Quarterly Communication held on March 18, 1925.

M.W. Bro. His Excellency the Earl of Stradbroke, after the Installation Ceremony, made the following reference to the present financial position of this Grand Lodge:

"I am glad to be able to tell you that the financial position is growing stronger every year; the credit of our Benevolent Fund stands at £80,000, the General Fund at £28,100, the War Relief Fund for disabled sailor and soldier brethren at £18,000, and the King Edward VII. Memorial Scholarship Fund at £3,000, making a total of £129,000, which is £10,000 more than was to our credit last year. The present prosperous condition of Freemasonry in this territory makes one pause and consider whether it would not be wise to take stock of our position. "When the gale too prosperous blows, it might be wise to shorten sail." We have 40,000 actual financial members, the brethren are rapidly being housed in fine Temples, and there is a general air of stability in the Masonic edifice."

He suggested that a donation to the Million Fund for the Masonic Temple in London, England, be given. At the Quarterly Communication held on September 16, the Grand Secretary read a communication from the M.W. the Grand Master stating that he had received a letter from M.W. Bro. Lord Ampthill, Pro. Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, expressing appreciation of the suggested gift from this Grand Lodge of three Pillars and a table of Australian wood to be placed in a permanent position in the new building.

The M.W. the Grand Master approved of the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Ritual and Ceremonial that the time occupied in

carrying out the Ceremony of Installation be reduced and that the presentation of the Working Tools to the Master should be done without any explanation of the symbolism.

A Past Master of a country lodge was reported to the Board of General Purposes for having used Freemasonry for political purposes by circularising members of the Craft seeking their support in connection with an election for the Legislative Council of Victoria. The Board heard the explanation of the Worshipful Brother concerned and severely censured him for this breach of a Masonic principle.

The following questions were considered at the second Australian Masonic Conference, held in Adelaide, in April, 1925, and were subsequently adopted by this Grand Lodge.

1. "That this Conference affirms the desirability of uniformity of signs, tokens and words in the various degrees and recommends that a Sub-committee be appointed to obtain all available information for consideration at the next Conference, such Sub-committee to consist of the Grand Secretaries of the various Grand Lodges represented at this Conference, and that this Sub-committee submit recommendations to the next Conference."

2. "That it be a recommendation to the Grand Lodges represented at this Conference that the minimum fee for initiation be £10/10/0.

"That lodges be recommended to fix their annual contributions at such an amount as to cover expenses without taking initiation fees into consideration."

3. "That each Grand Master be invited to appoint a member of his Grand Lodge to act in conjunction as a Committee representing Australia and New Zealand, who shall, by correspondence, take into consideration the question of Uniformity of Ritual for Degree, Installation, Consecration and Dedication Ceremonies, also Burial Service, and furnish a report and recommendation to the next Masonic Conference."

4. "That in the judgment of this Conference it is not desirable that lodges should become so large in numbers as to imperil the fraternal fellowship of their numbers."

5. "That the method of admission of visitors to subordinate lodges should be improved."

In view of the approaching departure of the M.W. the Grand Master, His Excellency the Earl of Stradbroke, he was presented with his portrait in oils painted by Mr. John Longstaff and depicting the Grand Master in full regalia. The Grand Master thanked the brethren for their presentation and asked them to accept this portrait on behalf of the Freemasons of Victoria, to be placed in one of their Masonic Temples.

S. Y. T.

WASHINGTON

The Sixty-eighth Annual Communication of the M.W. Grand Lodge of Washington took place on June 16, 17 and 18, 1925, at the City of Hoquiam.

M.W. Robert C. McCrosky, of Colfax, Grand Master, 1924-25.

M.W. Morton Gregory, of Tacoma, Grand Master, 1925-26.

R.W. Horace W. Tyler, of Tacoma, Grand Secretary.

Lodges, 255; members, 44,780; net increase for the year, 1,973.

Alberta's Grand Representative was present.

The Grand Master's address is principally of local interest. It shows five corner-stones laid and five Masonic Temples dedicated during the year, and a large number of special dispensations granted and refused.

During his term of office, the Grand Master visited Alaska, which territory is included in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Washington, and also visited seventy-three subordinate lodges. He reports the Craft in a healthy and flourishing condition. No complications or controversies with foreign jurisdictions arose during the year and he reports complete serenity and amity with all foreign Grand Bodies. He made no rulings of Masonic questions during the year, reporting that all questions submitted to him were answered by reference to the appropriate sections of the Masonic Code. The Grand Master has made the discovery which is applicable elsewhere, that most of the questions in Masonic jurisprudence referred to the Grand Master for ruling can be plainly answered by reference to the provisions of the Masonic law itself.

He reports having constituted seven new chartered lodges, and having granted dispensations for four new lodges, during his term.

He extols the work of the Committee on Masonic Education, which seems to be a live and active committee and is accomplishing much good work. He recommends the establishment of such a committee in each subordinate lodge.

He concludes by saying:

"Freemasonry is not only an idealistic institution, but it is also a common sense one. I think that it is the common sense side we have been neglecting. Idealism may carry us on for a while, by its own momentum, but there must be a basic foundation of common sense before any idealistic institution can endure. Therefore let us not forget this fact, and apply the rule of common sense to the working of our every day Masonic lives. As a result Freemasonry in this jurisdiction should make greater strides than ever before."

The Grand Secretary's report is very short and to the point, being almost entirely statistical, and showing receipts for dues for the general funds \$30,294.50; for the Masonic Home Fund \$41,302.50; for the Special Relief Fund \$11,114.75 and other contributions to the Home Fund amounting to approximately \$31,000.00. It seems that there exists in Washington a regulation providing for payment of fines by subordinate lodges for delinquency in filing returns. The Grand Secretary reports several instances of the imposition of the penalty for that cause.

The Grand Lodge appropriated the sum of \$700,000.00 for the erection of a new Masonic Home, the old one having been outgrown.

A splendid address was delivered by W. Bro. Arthur W. Davis, the Grand Orator, and we regret that space forbids printing it in full.

W. Bro. Frank A. Audley, Grand Historian, read a history of the development of the Masonic Home Idea in that Grand Jurisdiction covering the period from the year 1892, when the subject was first discussed in Grand Lodge, down to the date of the present session. The paper was directed to be filed in the archives of the Grand Secretary's office.

The review of Foreign Correspondence is written by M.W. Bro. Edwin H. Patten, P.G.M., who in the prelude states, that he undertakes the task "in fear and trembling" as he follows the work of the late M.W. Bro. Ralph C. McAllaster, who died during the year, and who had been

the editor of foreign correspondence for the previous thirteen years. The M.W. Brother need fear and tremble no longer, for the review is exceptionally well written and edited. Alberta is given slightly more than one page, covering our 1924 proceedings.

G. F. A.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

1924

The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Riley, referred to the following matters in the course of his quarterly address during the year:

That all the Masonic lodges in Western Australia have not yet become united in one Grand Lodge; that several of the lodges still hold their Charters from the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

He emphasizes the necessity for economy in the administration of the affairs of the private lodges, that the proportion of income spent on social affairs was much out of proportion to the total amount of the lodges' income.

The Grand Master gives it as his opinion that the only circumstance under which a Freemason is permitted to disclose how he voted in a secret ballot is in a judicial inquiry by the Grand Lodge or one of its delegated authorities.

He refers to the good work being done by the Freemasons' Club which was formed in 1873.

Referring to the necessity of keeping up the standard of Freemasonry he says: "Clean living, straight dealing, kindness in trouble--these are the simple attributes of our old Freemasonry."

Referring to the presence of wives and relatives of the members who prepare the installation banquet he quotes an extract from a circular on the subject issued by the Board of General Purposes in 1918, which reads as follows:

"It has been reported to the Board of General Purposes that on several recent occasions non-Masons have been present at the Festive Boards of lodges for the purpose of contributing to the harmony of the evening. The Board is of the opinion that this practice is highly improper, and should be discontinued. Masters of lodges are, therefore, advised that the presence of non-Masons at the Festive Board, after the Toast List has been commenced, is prohibited."

At the end of the year the Grand Master draws attention to the fact that for the twenty-second year in succession the books of Grand Lodge have closed without their being one single lodge in arrear.

He notes that the average membership of the lodge is sixty-five, which he thinks, "is just about the right size to enable brethren to get together to learn each others faults and virtues, in fact, to know each other."

He quotes with approval the following paragraph from the work on "Masonic Ritual" by W. Bro. J. W. Hobbs:

"Verbal accuracy is desirable and needful, and it should no doubt, be insisted upon during instruction, but it often happens that a ceremony performed with some defaults in this respect has, by the sincerity and earnestness displayed, had a powerful and lasting effect on the hearers. It

must be borne in mind that ritual is not made up of words only, but actions conjoined with words, and both should be directed towards the same end, and be carried out with the same care and attention."

He points out in this connection that today England, Ireland and Scotland are without authorized Rituals and only insist on essentials.

The M.W. Grand Master was again re-elected to that position.

The Benevolent Fund disbursed for the year over £900 and has a balance of nearly £9,500. The General Fund has a balance of over £7,700 with no liabilities.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence occupies over one hundred and fifty pages and is very complete. The Proceedings of the Alberta Grand Jurisdiction are reviewed at considerable length.

Lodges, 115; membership, 6,493; increase, 483.

M.W. Bro. the Most Rev. C. O. L. Riley, D.D., LL.D., O.B.E., V.D. (Archbishop of Perth), Grand Master.

R.W. Bro. J. D. Stevenson, P.D.G.M., Grand Secretary.

E. T. B.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

1925

Quarterly Communications of this Grand Lodge were held during the year. M.W. Bro. the Most Rev. C. O. L. Riley, D.D., LL.D., O.B.E., V.D. (Archbishop of Perth) Grand Master.

At the Australian Masonic Conference held in Melbourne in 1921 it was recommended that a statement should be prepared setting out the nature, character and purpose of Freemasonry and the qualifications for membership, and that such statement should be placed in the hands of every candidate before he signed the nomination form. Such a statement was prepared and approved by this Grand Lodge and issued to the lodges for their use. The M.W. the Grand Master regarded this statement of supreme importance and urged its universal use.

The Grand Master expressed the opinion that the average lodge should be able to carry on with the revenue derived from the members' annual dues, and that initiation and joining fees should be used for the purpose of creating a reserve fund, or Special Charity Fund. This is a practice which is being generally recognized by Grand Masters as a wise and sane one.

Fitting reference was made to the passing of R.W. Bro. John Hamilton, Grand Secretary of Tasmania, who died at the ripe old age of ninety-one, after having faithfully served as Grand Secretary of the Island Jurisdiction for many years.

At the present time, there are one hundred and fifteen lodges on the roll of the Grand Lodge of Western Australia, ten Scottish lodges under the District Grand Lodge on the Coast, ten under the District Grand Lodge on the Gold Fields, and one English lodge at Albany. Overtures were made by the Grand Master with a view to bringing about an amalgamation of these different bodies. He communicated with the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland and obtained permission to

approach the two District Grand Masters in Western Australia with a view to discussing the question of amalgamating the two constitutions. Correspondence was entered into with the two Scottish District Grand Masters and terms of union were suggested, but unfortunately not agreed upon. It is to be hoped that unity will be brought about at an early date.

The Grand Master makes appropriate reference to the position of Freemasonry in Italy and the attacks made by Signor Mussolini, the Premier, and the attempt to have the Craft brought under the Illegal Institutions Act, which aims at the suppression of all secret societies. He states that there are probably about 40,000 Freemasons in Italy today under two separate organizations, one entitled the National Grand Lodge of Italy, which is said to follow the ancient landmarks very closely, and the other more numerous and more militant in open and bitter hostility with the clerical powers. The present day position of the Craft in Italy furnishes an object lesson to other jurisdictions as to what is likely to happen to Freemasonry should it meddle with religion and politics.

From the interesting reports presented by the Inspectors of the various Masonic districts, we learn that the retiring Masters make it an invariable practice to install their successors in office. This is surely a fitting close to their year as Worshipful Master.

The capital benevolent fund of this Grand Lodge has now reached £24,384 6s. 11d., an increase of £2,233 12s. 9d. over the previous year. This fund is contributed to the support of one hundred and fifteen children, eleven aged Freemasons and nine aged widows of Freemasons, the annual expenditure being £2,232. The methods adopted by the Board of Management of this benevolent fund are very similar to those in practice in this jurisdiction. In every instance a guardian is appointed to have special supervision and care of the beneficiary entrusted to him.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence composed of a number of experienced brethren have presented a very complete and interesting report. The review of Alberta for the year 1924 by R.W. Bro. F. A. McMullen, P.D.G.M. includes fitting references to all the important features of these proceedings.

Total membership, 6,870; net gain, 377.

S. Y. T.

WEST VIRGINIA

The Sixty-first Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held at the City of Parkersburg, on the 11th of November, 1925, Grand Master M.W. Bro. Clyde T. Dutton presiding.

Alberta was represented by W. Bro. Frank F. Flaig, P.M. of Mount Olivet Lodge, No. 3, and Deputy Grand Lecturer. Bro. Flaig was commissioned last July.

This Grand Lodge suffers severely in the loss of three veteran Past Grand Masters; each one eminent in the work and councils of the Order; each one a public spirited citizen, having served their community and their country for many years. P.G.M. John Wm. Arbuckle passed away at the ripe age of seventy-five years. He was Grand Master at the age of twenty-nine and had the unique experience of sitting as a W.M. of his lodge for many years after that. He was an active member for fifty

years of this lodge. Then without warning, came the death of their distinguished Grand Secretary and P.G.M., Bro. John M. Collins. He held the office since 1912 and was seventy-four years of age. He had served the public in many important positions of trust. In the arduous work of Grand Secretary he served the fraternity with conspicuous ability to the end. And in the loss of P.G.M. Geo. Wesley Atkinson at the age of eighty, Masonry the world over felt the shock. He had conducted the correspondence of his Grand Lodge for thirty-four years and he was known wherever the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia were found. He had a wonderful record of public service in many and varied capacities. He was an author of no mean ability and a scholar of high attainments. The Craft will miss his master hand and correspondents everywhere will deeply regret his death. West Virginia has no doubt long ere this felt the wave of world wide sympathy that the sad news evoked. The photographs of these three veterans of the Craft appear in the proceedings.

The Grand Master in his address refers to the numerous dispensations issued to lodges to meet in halls owned or used by other orders. He states, "I do not believe that it is the intent of our Masonic law that they should continue from year to year to occupy quarters in conjunction with other orders," and reminds them that dispensations to do so must be applied for annually. Joint occupancy is never desirable and wherever it is at all possible should be avoided. The Grand Master refused a dispensation to a lodge to open at 6.00 p.m. instead of 7.30 p.m. as provided by the by-laws, in order to confer the Master Mason degree on a candidate who had to leave on an early train. This would seem strict, but it is very important that the regular date, time and place of regular meetings should be adhered to at all times.

We note under degrees conferred as "courtesies," that one Grand Lodge refused, as under their laws the Entered Apprentice degree cannot be conferred on anyone not elected within its own jurisdiction. A good law.

Several edicts were issued, one of which at some length prohibits Masons from taking part in raffles, lotteries and other games of chance for reward or profit, especially where conducted by bodies claiming to be composed of Masons, pointing out that it is against the law in West Virginia. This edict is to be read at least once a month at regular communications of each lodge in the jurisdiction and afterwards on the recommendation of the committee. Grand Lodge made this reading permanent. The brethren of West Virginia will have no alibi to plead in the future. The Grand Master also removed a W.M. from his chair who was unable to do the work of his office—discipline which is necessary if lodges are to prosper.

The Grand Master issued a questionnaire to the lodges which amongst other things produced the information that the average dues of lodges in this jurisdiction was \$5.25. West Virginia must be able to carry on much easier than the most of us, yet the net assets of the lodges total \$1,500,000.00, not including furniture or equipment. He also issued six general letters to the lodges, which are referred to by the D.D.G.M.'s with approval. He too condemns the chain letter pest, which has been such a nuisance.

In the matter of Masonic education he suggests entering upon an active program after the plans of the Masonic Service Association, under the direction of a standing committee of Grand Lodge. There is already

an able corps of lecturers to give instruction in the work of the lodges and they will necessarily be a part of the plan.

The D.D.G.M.'s reports are interesting as always. One zealous brother besides attending his own lodge twenty-eight times, visited the thirteen others in the district many times. He reports improvement all along the line. He remarks that he never saw a case of charity presented at any lodge he visited which was turned down. Another R.W. brother sees to it that better kept lodge rooms, ante-rooms, etc., should be the rule, saying that a little fore thought and care as to ventilation and cleaning up after each meeting would improve conditions. We have that kind too. A D.D.G.M. notes where lack of interest prevails, inefficiency creeps in. He has the right idea when he suggests that the Master must be proficient before he can succeed. Another officer found a lodge had not had an audit of its books for many years and another that had not revised their by-laws for about twenty years. He instructed both lodges to get busy. I am sorry about those by-laws. They must have been good. Now the joy of amending them has been found out, they will keep busy. In another district it is recorded that the lodges have started to "invire one another to visit when they have work." The D.D.G.M. warmly approves and he is right. Lodges should get acquainted with one another. Another worthy brother regrets his inability to reach one of his lodges. He had visited all the others but the roads were under repair and he could find no one to make the trip in a car. Evidently they don't have the kind "that take you there and get you back" in West Virginia.

Now and then there is a familiar touch about the work done and I feel when I get to the end of the reports that West Virginia lodges and West Virginia Masons are just like ourselves, we could "set in and be right at home."

The Masonic Home reports a busy year. Many improvements were made and everything is in good running order under capable management.

P.G.M. Lewis N. Taverner takes charge of the correspondence, one who has served the Craft in West Virginia for many years. He brings to his task wide experience, clear judgment and a mind well stocked with Masonic information. His foreword is a touching tribute to his distinguished predecessor and his report of sixty-seven Grand Lodges is comprehensive and full of interesting comment. Alberta receives fraternal notice. Grand Master Reid's criticism of publicity in the press is mentioned with approval and also his censure of the chain prayer pest. M.W. Bro. Thornton's lecture is referred to as "A very fine and instructive address, full of meat."

An engraving showing the George Washington Memorial at Alexandria, Virginia, together with a report of the Building Association is included in the proceedings.

M.W. Bro. A. B. C. Bray, Grand Master.

R.W. Bro. Geo. S. Laidley, Grand Secretary.

Number of lodges, 166; number of members, 32,976.

J. H. W. S. K.

WISCONSIN

The Eighty-first Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin was held in the Scottish Rite Cathedral in the City of Milwaukee on June 9, 1925, with M.W. Bro. Frank Johnson, Grand Master, presiding.

Fraternal greetings were exchanged by telegram with the Grand Lodges of Alberta, Iowa, Nevada, Nova Scotia, Oregon, South Dakota, Vermont and Washington, all of which were simultaneously in session.

Eighteen Past Grand Masters were present and thirty-six representatives of Sister Jurisdictions. Alberta was represented by Bro. E. L. Urquhart of Medford, Wisconsin, Grand Representative.

The Grand Master's address is a brief and simple report of his official acts during the year of office. Five decisions of interest to the Craft at large were reported by the Grand Master, four of which were approved by Grand Lodge. One was laid over for further consideration, viz.:

"Has a lodge the right to make a donation to a Young Men's Christian Association towards the building of a dormitory?"

Answer: No."

The Grand Master reported a number of applications for special dispensations in connection with petitions for membership by petitioners having some physical ailment, defect, or mutilation, to all of which the Grand Master held to a strict enforcement of the Landmarks, Laws and Edicts of the Grand Lodge as to physical qualifications.

The Grand Master deprecated and insofar as possible discountenanced the practice of sending out Masonic chain letters, and advised all Masons receiving such letters to immediately destroy them and use their best efforts to discourage this practice.

Interesting incidents or occurrences were reported by the Grand Master, of which two are worthy of mention:

"In one lodge a prominent Mason, the father of four boys, had raised to the M.M. degree all of them and had installed three of them as Worshipful Master of the same lodge."

"In another lodge, three brothers were raised to the M.M. degree the same evening, and present at the same communication was the father and one other son, and the height of the father and the four sons, all ranged from six feet to six feet and two inches."

A study of the Report of Audit on the finances of the various departments of this Grand Lodge discloses that the financial affairs of this jurisdiction are in excellent condition.

The report of the Committee on Masonic Research discloses continued progress in this field of effort. During the year the committee issued two pamphlets, making a total number of twenty-two pamphlets issued since the committee commenced its work in 1916. These were pamphlets on, "Geometric Symbols" and "Our Brethren of Revolutionary Days." The travelling libraries are reported as having been very much in demand. We quote from the report as follows:

"That this great fraternity to its capacity is too evident to need discussion. To bring it to a greater efficiency is the most serious problem which confronts us. It appears to your committee that a more adequate conception of Freemasonry is a starting point for greater efficiency. To spread this better conception it is necessary to have talks by well informed brethren, and we most earnestly urge Masters of lodges to have lectures given by brethren who can inspire a higher conception of Freemasonry."

In these proceedings will be found a report of a special committee on "Wisconsin Masonic Foundation" wherein the Committee have set out in

full the drafting of a declaration of trust embracing a scheme for the organization of the Foundation for the purpose of receiving donations, contributions and funds from various sources for benevolent and educational purposes of Grand Lodge and for the administration thereof. The plan is too lengthy to quote in full but for those interested it presents a well considered scheme and is found on pages 119 to 125 of the proceedings of 1925.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is ably dealt with by M.W. Bro. Aldro Jenks, being his twenty-eighth annual report. It is in his usual excellent vein and Bro. Jenks faithfully merits the encomium awarded him by the Grand Master in referring to him as being generally known and recognized among the Masonic writers of the United States as one of the best of the Foreign Correspondents of the Grand Lodges of the country. Alberta is generously dealt with.

Number of lodges, 297; total membership, 54,827; net gain, 2,463.

M.W. Bro. Fred J. Marien, Grand Master.

M.W. Bro. William W. Perry, Grand Secretary.

F. S. S.

WYOMING

The Fifty-first Communication of the Grand Lodge of Wyoming was held in the Masonic Temple, Sheridan, on the 19th August, 1925, with M.W. Bro. J. I. Kirby, Grand Master, presiding.

Twelve Past Grand Masters were present, and forty-one lodges out of forty-four sent representatives. We consider this to be a fine record of attendance.

The Grand Master, whose photo appears as an inset in his address, reported that the past year had been one of material growth for Masonry in Wyoming, although the increase in membership had not been so large as in some preceding years. He was able to say that no serious dissension existed in any part of the jurisdiction. This is as it should be. We note further that the Committee on Grievances and Appeals found nothing demanding their consideration, peace and harmony prevailing throughout the jurisdiction.

Three Special Communications were held during the year, these being for the purpose of laying the corner-stones of two High Schools and one Court House.

All of the Grand Master's decisions were approved with the exception of that relating to physical qualifications of a candidate. The view of the Committee on Jurisprudence seems to us to be eminently sensible, and which is that the question of physical fitness is after all one for the Worshipful Master of the subordinate lodge to decide.

The Committee on Jurisprudence also recommend that a Bible be presented to each initiate upon his being raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. This is a step in the right direction, and should be fraught with untold good for Masons and Masonry.

There is the usual good review of the proceedings of foreign jurisdictions, in which, however, Alberta does not find a place.

Total membership, 7,469; net gain, 262.

Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Frank S. Knittle, Casper.

Grand Secretary, M.M. Bro. Joseph M. Lowndes, Casper.

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